

IUP Cybersecurity Scholarship Program (CySP) Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2021 – 4:00 PM

- Attended by: Dr. Waleed Farag (PI), Dr. Ezekiel (Co-PI), Nicholas Villano, Jacob Neulight, Dylan Dewalt, Cassandra Lefever, Zaryn Good, Zachary Cupp, Maria Balega, Neil Yoder
- Previous meeting minutes on August 27, 2021 were unanimously approved
- Welcome Neil Yoder to the program
- Each student confirmed that they received their stipend and tuition waiver
 - Not including Neil since he joined the program late
 - Students have their Coop account for buying necessary textbooks. Buy any remaining textbooks ASAP
- Laptops: new students will pay for their own laptop/desktop and save all receipts so that they can be reimbursed for up to \$1500
 - Info needed for reimbursement:
 - Name of person to be reimbursed
 - Address to which check should be mailed
 - Proof of purchase (invoice with payment method shown)
 - Total amount to be reimbursed
 - Detail of item(s) purchased
 - Purpose of item(s)
 - All new students confirmed their understanding
- Additional degree forms: everyone confirmed that they are not currently interesting in receiving an additional degree
 - The deadline for this year has passed, but start thinking about the next cycle
- Cybersecurity Day (10/26/2021)
 - Highly recommended that you attend
 - It is a professional event, so aim to dress business casual
 - Attendance can be a good addition to your portfolio
- Cybersecurity Seminar (11/4/2021)
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- Health insurance: everyone confirmed that they are not interested in getting health insurance through the scholarship program
- Additional work (outside of scholarship)
 - Conditions:
 - You inform the PI that you are working
 - The total # of work hours are less than 20 per week
 - Work will not impact your academic study and plan for on-time graduation
 - You are committed to fulfill IUP scholarship program requirements such as being involved in basic research, peer-mentoring activities, and/or other activities
 - According to Dr. Farag, this does not include breaks (winter, thanksgiving, spring, etc.)
- (Dylan's tip) Self report deposits of over \$10,000 to your bank account to not get your account flagged
- Student Requirements:
 - Must promote the program to other students
 - Get involved in projects and event in the computer science department
 - Cyber Security Day and Cybersecurity Seminar
 - Cyber Security Club
 - This is a good place to recruit new students
 - Programming challenges (NSA Codebreaker, Hackathon, etc.)
 - Research projects
 - Peer mentoring
 - Maintain good academic standing
- Spring course registration:
 - CySP recipients confirmed the following spring registration info: Cassie (12 credits), Neil (9 credits), Nick (12 credits), Dylan (12 credits), Jacob (12 credits), Zaryn (12 credits), Maria (12 credits), and Zack (16 credits)
 - All graduating students confirmed that they are on track to graduate in May
- Winter/Summer courses: not a part of academic semesters, so the scholarship will not pay it
 - Talk to Dr. Farag first before committing to taking summer/winter courses
- Always check with Dr. Farag regarding anything related to the CySP program including course registration.

- Everyone confirms their understanding of this point
- Portfolios – are required and they are a good chance to record your accomplishments and document your skills
 - Good practice for your future
- Renewal: we haven't heard about the next cycle, but we know it will be a new system for applications
- Graduation recognition (cords)
 - Issue with limits on how much of our information can be shared
 - Dr. Ezekiel will check with the Department chair to see if we can get anything
 - May not happen because it must go through a lot of people to get approved

The next meeting will be on Monday, November 15 at 4 pm (confirmed by everyone)