IUP Cybersecurity Scholarship Program (CySP) Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2021 – 4:00 PM

- Attended by: Dr. Waleed Farag (PI), Nicholas Villano, Jacob Neulight, Dylan Dewalt, Cassandra Lefever, David Gallaher, Zaryn Good, Zachary Cupp, Maria Balega
- Official Grant
    - Has not been awarded yet, but the Dean signed the grant on August 27, 2021. This means that the funds are likely to be received sometime next week
    - No late fees will be charged while waiting for the funds to be received
- Courses
    - Each student confirmed that they are taking the originally agreed upon number of credits this semester
    - Any changes in the number of credits this semester must be reported to Dr. Farag as soon as possible as it may affect the scholarship funds
- Textbooks
    - Each student receives $625 for **required** textbooks
    - No issues were reported from the students regarding the funds for textbooks
    - Some students are currently waiting for books because many books are in backlog
- Additional financial aid
    - Scholarship recipients can receive a maximum of $6000 in additional scholarships/grants
    - The DoD scholarship will be applied first to school fees because it is a full scholarship
    - Other scholarships may be dropped because many are based on financial aid
    - No questions or issues regarding this was reported by students
- Stipend receival
    - Half of the total stipend ($12500) will be received by the student through the same method that the student would regularly receive any refund from IUP EasyPay
        - This is typically by a check in the mail or direct deposit
    - No questions from students
- Laptop stipend – no grant to start order but turn in specs soon. Will take weeks to deliver. Up to $1500
    - Laptop fund is up to $1500
    - Since the grant has not been received, orders cannot be made yet
    - New students should decide on specs soon so that the order can be submitted as soon as possible
    - Will take weeks to receive
- Health insurance
    - Students have the opportunity for insurance
    - Jacob is possibly interested in receiving insurance through the scholarship
    - Everyone else was not interested
- Student Responsibilities
    - Maintain 3.2 GPA or higher
    - Participate in the internship if it is required by your agency
    - Attend monthly meetings
    - Promote CySP and cybersecurity to other students

- o   Participate in cybersecurity/computer science extra curriculars
- Questions regarding scholarship
  - o   Always email Dr. Farag first with any questions regarding the scholarship
    - ▪   Any time there are any issues, reach out to Dr. Farag
  - o   When emailing questions to the scholarship people, always CC Dr. Farag
  - o   When emailing your agency, do not CC Dr. Farag as that work does not involve him directly
- Working – Students are allowed to work up to 20 hours a week and must inform Dr. Farag of that work
- Portfolio
  - o   Students must submit a portfolio at end of semester
  - o   Dylan sent out sample portfolios to all new students for example
- Summer and winter semesters
  - o   Always discuss with Dr. Farag if there is a possibility of taking a summer/winter class
    - ▪   Fees will not be covered by the scholarship if it is not discussed with Dr. Farag
  - o   It will not be covered unless it is necessary to graduate on time
    - ▪   Any changes to your originally reported graduation date must be reported to Dr. Farag as soon as possible
- Renewal is based off the student's performance and a recommendation letter from Dr. Farag
- If a student is interested in taking free Udemy courses, reach out to Dylan
- Peer mentoring
  - o   Students are not currently assigned, but may be in the future
  - o   Try to assist other students

The next meeting is currently TBD