DoD: Cybersecurity Scholarship Program (CySP)

Meeting's Agenda on October 20, 2021

Minutes Approval

- Approval of minutes of the last meeting held 8/27/2021, see attached minutes file.

Announcements:

- Please join me welcoming Neil Yoder. The CySP PO has recently offered Neil a scholarship and he has accepted the offer. So, he will join all of you in this scholarship cycle.

- Scholarship tuition waiver forms for all students have been processed by the Bursar's Office. **All, please confirm.**

- All students have been using their Coop Accounts to buy their academic books this semester. If you still need to purchase any other books, you need to do that ASAP.

- Scholarship stipends on Next Gen System ($12,500 to each student for each semester) were processed once we received the grant in Sept 2021. Each of you should had received it a while ago. **All, please confirm.**

- We have also requested and received approval for Pre-Award Cost Approval.

- Regarding the computer purchase, after a lot of discussions behind the scene, we agreed that the best and fasted way to acquire these is to ask students to purchase her/his favorite laptop/desktop then we will reimburse you for your expenses (up to $1,500). **The following information** needs to be submitted to me to initiate the processing of your reimbursement. So far, Maria is the only one who sent me this info. All other new students, please do that ASAP. **Any questions??**
    - **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 CySP students were notified by the PI in an email on Sept. 21 about the availability of the Additional Degree Approval Form. Any questions about this??

- There are two upcoming major cybersecurity events at IUP and **ALL CySP recipients are strongly encouraged and expected to participate in both events**:

- The 14th annual Cybersecurity Day on Oct. 26th. Website is https://www.iup.edu/cybersecurity/activities/cyber-security-day/index.html. We need to recruit helpers to manage this event, see also the following discussion section.
- The 6th annual Cybersecurity Seminar on Nov. 4th to be held virtually. Website https://www.iup.edu/extended/events/cyber-security-seminar/index.html.

- **Health Insurance Coverage**. Based on our discussion last meeting, no one showed interest in the possible health insurance coverage. **Every recipient needs to officially opt in or out of this benefit in this meeting. Cassie, please record Responses.**

- CySP recipients may work during the school year provided that all the following conditions are satisfied. **Any questions or concerns regarding this??**

  - 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.

Discussion on Promoting the CySP program at IUP:

- Every CySP recipient is expected to continue to promote the program and participate at satisfactory levels on various selected and/or assigned activities to achieve this goal.

- So far, Cassandra, Dylan, Nicholas, Maria, and Zaryn are helping with various projects including the building of the CSS event on the Cvent online system. All other are strongly encouraged to contribute to the program.

- Opportunities for all CySP students include:

  - Signing up to help with the upcoming CSD on Oct. 26. **Please contact Franklin May wyxy@iup.edu for detailed assignments.**
  - Actively participating and playing leading roles in the Cybersecurity Club.
  - Participating in Cyber Competition and/or Hackathon such as the CAE NCX, NSA Code Breaker, etc.
  - Dr. Farag will also explore if there will be a CAE NE Hackathon in this academic year similar to what some of you participated in previous years.
  - Involvement into research projects with project Co-PIs.
  - Actively participating in the peer-mentoring program. **Student Report!**
  - Continue or start participating in research projects with the Co-PIs.

Registration for Spring Courses:

  - All CySP recipients need to info Dr. Farag of how many credits already registered or will register for incoming spring. *If this changes, the PI must be notified.*

- o **As discussed before during our last meeting and clearly indicated by Ms. Smitely, during the orientation before the fall semester, the CySP scholarship only covers courses in the traditional academic year (fall and spring semesters). PLEASE do NOT register for courses in other sessions (winter or summer) without consulting Dr. Farag because you might end up paying the tuitions and fees of these courses out of pocket.**

Students' Reports:

- Everyone, please quickly report on: academic progress, outstanding issues that might affect your academic performance, and cybersecurity portfolio.

Renewal:

- It will be mainly based on your performance in this program, fulfillment of the obligations discussed before, and recommendation letter by the PI, see also agenda of last meeting.

Next Meeting is Schedule on Monday, Nov. 15 at 4 PM. All confirm availability.

Questions??