

IUP CSA Minutes 9-26-2025

Attendees:

Dr. Soundararajan Ezekiel, Cherokee Schrecengost, Nicholas Reid, Nicholas Kuech, Julia O'Brien, Carina Warr, Allison Stiteler, Noah Grattan, Shari Hoch

Minutes

- Nick Kuech moved to approve the minutes and everyone was in favor.
- Grants have been disbursed. Make sure to check your IUP easy pay to see if grant shows up. Scholarships were awarded last Thursday. Coop store book funds are set up as well and laptop purchases for new scholars are in progress.
- New scholars have submitted laptop purchases and should be reimbursed soon. Get approval from Dr. Farag/Ezekiel, if approved, send proof of purchase back to them for reimbursement process to start.
 - Nick is waiting for reimbursement, Ainsley and Cherokee have received reimbursement.
- Start to think about spring schedule classes as the spring class schedule is out now. For anyone who is graduating make sure your requirements are met and taken care of.
- For people who are graduating with free credits, keep in mind you must have at least 6 scheduled credits to stay in the DoD cyber scholarship status per semester. (We believe Dr. Farag mentioned this last meeting).
- Tuesday Oct 28th is Cybersecurity Day, please attend, volunteers are welcome, DOD Cyber Scholars will be recognized during the event.
- Please attend IUP Cybersecurity Day and help out if you can. It's important for all scholarship recipients to attend to show professionalism.
- Stipends should be sent to you via direct deposit into your bank account. If you have not set direct deposit up, the IUP billing office should send you a check in the mail to your designated home address.
- Some students asked about whether they should still be applying for jobs after graduation because DOD job isn't guaranteed right after graduation yet. Ezekiel recommended to wait and see what happens and talk to Ms. Smitely from the program at Cybersecurity Day. If you fear not getting a job right after graduation, you always have the option to stay in grad school and get your free tuition and stipends for however many years.
- Call Jared's number - 570 415 8935, Dylan, or Evan to get some more details about this exact scenario. These are former students that went for grad school taking full advantage of the scholarship in case of no job directly after graduation.
- Nick Reid needs 15 credits and has meeting with Dr. Flowers soon, Ainsley needs 15 credits to graduate is talking with advisor to get more credits. , Carina graduating in Fall, Nick Kuech needs 4 credits but needs 6 to maintain scholarship, working with advisor. Noah needs 4 credits, Shari graduating in Fall transferring to Marshall University to continue scholarship,

Julia is graduating in December. Allison has met with Dr. Grieggs and needs two more semester to graduate, she will be a returning recipient.

- Next Meeting Friday October 24th 11:15 AM