IUP Cybersecurity Scholarship Program (CySP) Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2020 at 9am - Dr. Farag’s Zoom Room

Attended by: Dr. Waleed Farag, Brooklyn Kotula, Cassandra Lefever, Dylan Dewalt, Edward Pykosh, Jacob Neulight, Kaishia Leraci, Nicholas Villano, Timothy Troy

Excused: Rodney Cesar

New:
1. Official Grant
   a. Has NOT been awarded yet, but do not worry.
   b. Dr. Farag has been working behind the scenes to make sure everything is ready to go.
      • IUP will not charge us late fees.
   c. Once the grant is received, Dr. Farag will process our tuition waivers and stipends.
2. Courses
   a. Avoid taking winter courses unless you need to take some to graduate on time.
   b. Will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.
3. Books fund
   a. Each student has a semester-based allowance of $625 for required textbooks.
   b. The accounts are already created and active.
   c. If you have additional questions or issues, please let Ms. Carly Krouse (KBGY@iup.edu) know.
4. Benefits information
   a. All CySP recipients should receive complete DoD scholarship benefits.
   b. If you receive Federal Pell Grant and PHEAA grants, you will still retain these.
   c. Any other scholarships, including other IUP scholarships will be cancelled.
   d. You do not need to submit a FASFA as DoD CySP Scholarship recipients.
   e. If you have any additional questions regarding this, please contact Alisa DeStafano at aldestef@iup.edu.
   f. Once grant is received, Dr. Farag will send the semester stipend ($12,500) through NextGen.
5. Laptops
   a. New students can receive a laptop (up to $1500).
      • Please provide specs and quote of your desired laptop to Dr. Farag.
6. Health Insurance
   a. Please contact Dr. Farag if interested. **If not, please email Dr. Farag indicating that you decline the available coverage.**
7. Student Responsibilities
   a. Maintain academic standards for 2020-2021 Academic year (3.2 GPA, on time graduation).
   b. Participate in the DoD internship (if requested).
   c. Must abide with the follow IUP project requirements.
      • Attend all monthly meetings.
      • Promptly respond to all communications from your PI, and DoD CySP, and your DoD agency.
      • Promote the DoD CySP and cybersecurity around IUP.
      • Participate in extracurricular actives such as:
         ➢ Cybersecurity Club.
         ➢ Cyber Competitions.
         ➢ IUP Cybersecurity Day (Oct. 20).
         ➢ Cybersecurity Seminar (Nov. 5).
      • Update Dr. Farag with your academic progress and academic concerns.
      • Work with project PI and Co-PIs on relevant cybersecurity research projects and events intended to enhance the CySP at IUP.
      • Create and submit a cybersecurity portfolio with your involvement of cybersecurity-related activities such as:
         ➢ Club meetings, colloquia, workshops, conferences, and relevant activities.
      • You can still attend virtual cybersecurity conferences.

8. Peer Mentoring
   • Returning students will provide guidance to the new students to implement an effective peer-mentoring program. The assigned groups are:
      ➢ Kaishia and Brooklyn will assist Nicholas, Jacob, and Eddie
      ➢ Tim Troy will assist Dylan Dewalt
      ➢ Rodney will assist Cassandra Lefever

9. Renewal
   • Mainly based on academic merit and performance as well as fulfillment of the obligations listed above.

10. Meeting Adjourned at 9:56am

The next meeting of the IUP DoD CySP group will be around early Oct. Time TBD.

Respectfully Submitted By: Edward Pykosh and Dr. Waleed Farag