

Santa Monica College

Computer Science Information Systems

Computer Science Advisory Board

May 17, 2024

## MINUTES

### *Attendees:*

SMC Attendees: Howard Stahl (Chair), Mary Amirfazlian, Scott Bishop, Jinan Darwiche, Dan Hurley, Joan Kang, Koda Kol, Vicky Seno

Non-SMC Attendees: Elle Bonaventura (AWS), Ron Blanchard (AWS), Matt Gray (Coinbase), Paul Hill (jobsearchintelligence.com), Richard Korf (UCLA Computer Science), Neal Fultz (Fultz Consulting), Myra Roland (AWS)

*Call to order:* via Zoom - 9:30 AM

Following quick introductions, the following topics were discussed:

### *Department Review and Dashboard Indicators*

Howard shared various data points with the committee. Highlights included:

- A growth in WTH of nearly 30% since 2016-17
- A growth in student headcount of more than 70% since 2014-2015
- A growth in awarded certificates of more than 400% since 2014-2015
- Two new full-time faculty hired last year

### *Existing Courses and Programs*

Howard shared information about our existing classes, certificates and degrees. Attendees commented on the vibrancy and innovation being displayed in our ongoing efforts to stay in line with industry and employment trends.

### *Plans for the Future*

Howard shared information regarding ongoing status of our proposed Bachelor's Degree in Cloud Computing to build off our existing Associate's Degree and Certificate of Achievement in Cloud Computer. Attendees were very supportive of our program and degrees.

### *Artificial Intelligence Certificates and Classes*

Howard shared information regarding various curriculum updates and the new degree and classes that make up our proposed Artificial Intelligence degrees. After much discussion, the following motion was presented and voted upon.

MOTION: The Computer Science Advisory Board supports the Artificial Intelligence degree, the Applied Artificial Intelligence degree and new class that are a part of these programs as presented. Made by: Stahl Seconded by: Jinan. FOR-15 AGAINST-0 ABSTAIN-0 Attendees support these efforts and voted unanimously to support it.

*Open Discussion*

Various additional topics were discussed including Career Services and internships and the role of AI in an introductory Computer Science programming courses.

*Meeting Adjourned: 11:03 AM*