The Florida Tech Computing Alliance
Minutes of the Meeting February 24, 2005 *

Department of Computer Sciences

February 2, 2006

Attending: William Shoaff, William Allen, Pat Bond, Cem Kaner, Ronaldo Menezes, Ryan Stansifer, Lisa Barnicoat (Microsoft), Chuck Cottrell (Accent Technologies), Steve Lindsey (Sun Microsystems), Ron Higgins (Northrop-Grumman), Jeff Goodman (Raytheon), Alexander Soya (Logan Industries),

1 Meeting Objectives

The purpose of this meeting was for members of the Computing Alliance to meet with a representative sample of students in the programs offered by the department. All students were invited to attend. About ten students did attend, although the faculty were not in the meeting and attendance was not taken. The members interviewed the students for about one hour, from about 9:00 am to after 10:00 am.

The following questions were provided to the members, prior to the meeting, as possible lines to explore.

1. What is the quality of faculty?
   • Ability to instruct
   • Ability to mentor
   • Ability to conduct and guide research

2. What is the quality of students?
   • Preparation of incoming students
   • Preparation of graduating students
   • Recognition for honors

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3. What is the quality of staff?
   - Student coordinator
   - Administrative assistant
   - Systems administrator
   - College/University staff

4. What is the quality of curriculum?
   - Introductory (sequence of courses, programming language, ...)
   - Required (appropriate, sufficient, ...)
   - Elective (appropriate, sufficient, ...)
   - Missing topics
   - Scheduling

5. What is the quality of facilities?
   - Computer laboratories
   - Classrooms
   - Research laboratories
   - Computing equipment
   - Software

6. What is the quality of Support services?
   - Academic Support Services
   - Admissions
   - Career Services
   - Financial Aid
   - Library

7. What is the quality of the department?
   - Communication
   - Departmental events

8. What would most improve the program?

9. What is the quality of the university?
• Costs
• Comparison to peer institutions

After meeting with students, members met with faculty to summarize their impressions.

2 Adjournment

The members of the alliance were thanked for their participation. Dr. Shoaff advised that he will schedule the next meeting would be for Senior Design Day, April 15, 2005. The meeting adjourned shortly after 11:00 am.