REGIONAL PROGRAM ADVISORY MEETING

Date and Time   May 10, 2023 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Occupation Focus   **Information Technology (IT)**

Location   Zoom Meeting

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Key Takeaways

1. Workforce Trends
   a. Industry partners indicate that although many in the Information Technology field have been affected by the recent layoffs, there is still a high need of professionals in IT
   b. Industry is also highly interested in aiding diverse talent to enter into IT careers

2. Technology in Industry
   a. Industry partners highly recommend students have a robust GitHub portfolio as recruiters thoroughly review them during the hiring process. The GitHub portfolio should be linked on their resume and show object-oriented projects students have developed.
   b. Industry partners have also suggested students be familiar with the following programs:
      i. Python
      ii. SQL
      iii. Java
      iv. Java Script
      v. Amazon Web Services
      vi. CSS
      vii. PHP
      viii. MS Access
      ix. Xero
      x. AI

3. Essential skills
   a. For students to succeed in this sector they should have the following skills:
      i. Technological Adaptability
      ii. Networking
      iii. Soft Skills
      iv. Collaboration
      v. Creativeness
      vi. Communication
      vii. Professionalism
      viii. Leadership
      ix. Versatility

4. Further Collaboration
   a. Numerous faculty members, from various different colleges, requested industry partners to collaborate with them in some way. Given the willingness of the industry representatives to engage with the community colleges, they will be surveyed to identify opportunities for alignment. The industry representatives will then be connected with the community college faculty and respective Dean.