

CIS Department Meeting
May 13, 2014

In attendance: Jeff James, Melody Murphy, Keith Hovater, Brian Geans, Haley Robins, Teresa Roberson and Stephen Chandler.

This meeting of the CIS department included our program advisory committee members and adjunct instructors. We thanked all of the members for giving their time to assist us in curriculum development and maintenance.

We announced that we are now members of the IBM Academic Initiative which we believe will be of great benefit to our students. The committee seemed to agree with us.

Florence Utilities uses RPG/CL for programming and their web page is outsourced. Keith stated that they will continue to take tech interns and he will check with Steve Pierce about taking programming interns. Florence Utilities uses CISCO but provide no training for employees and do not require that they have certification. He said that they figure it out as they go.

Jack Henry and Associates uses RPG/CL along with C++ and Java. Since Haley works from home he will not be able to utilize an intern but he will check with local small companies about taking interns. Haley suggested that we cover the convert RPG functionality for old RPG programs. They still utilize CL for menus and interfacing with servers. He recommended that we use service programs and service level binding directories in teaching AS/400. He also advised that we consider WebSphere or RDS for display and print file creation on the AS/400. He stated that would simplify the development of display and print files. Haley also proposed that we look at the size limit with subfiles and load incrementally. Haley also mentioned the use of W3school.com.

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Mangus Tool and Dye has a corporate office that takes care of all programming and web development requirements so none of that is handled locally. Brian said that his boss was indecisive about taking interns. Brian basically is a system administrator for the network and handles plugging in routers, etc. but CISCO is not required.

Windows 7 is used as the primary operating system for all pcs because Windows 8 does not work well with the AS/400.

It was the consensus of the program advisory committee that no jobs in the Shoals area through Birmingham require certification except in the area of tech support. They stated that employees are not paid enough in those areas to compensate for the cost of the certifications. A+ certification is a plus in the Huntsville area for all techs.

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Attachments