



**Cyber Defense Education Center
External Advisory Board 2024-2025
Minutes
Tuesday, January 14, 2025
9:00AM-10:00AM**

Members Present: Prashanth BusiReddyGari, LTC Bernard Flowers, Mike Gorman, Richard Gay, Calvin Locklear, Selvarajah Mohanarajah, Laura Rodgers

Absent: Elizabeth Guma, Zach Oxendine

Welcome by Dean Gay

Overview of progress and accomplishments since last year from Dr. Prashanth BusiReddyGari

- Highlights included the addition of 6 new cybersecurity courses, establishment of new articulation agreements with community colleges, and new CAE competency and AI requirements

Feedback from the Board

- Overall praise for all that has been accomplished in a short period of time.
- Mike Gorman requested clarification on the competency requirement, so the competency template was shared with the group.
- Laura Rodgers asked about the inclusion of GRC in cyber courses and Dr. Reddy indicated that they are collaborating with the business school to make this happen through cyber management courses. Laura offered to assist given her recent experience teaching a 5-week course in GRC.
- Calvin Locklear asked for more detail on internships and emphasized the importance of applied, on-the-job training. Dr. Reddy responded that our UNCP DOIT office is meeting this need in a variety of ways and is focused on making cyber professionals.



- Lt. Berney Flowers requested a copy of the slides and offered to share out information with NSA contacts in advance of the UNCP NSA Day on Feb 5.
- Mike Gorman asked about any potential focus on Operational Technology. While we do not currently incorporate this into our curriculum, it is an area of growth.
- Laura Rodgers shared that the NC PACE Symposium will include a 3-hour session/panel on critical infrastructure
- Calvin Locklear asked if there was a connection between AISES and our cybersecurity programs. There may be potential to bridge those two at the upcoming NSA day.
- Mike Gorman suggested adding an AI focused question to the NSA read ahead document.
- Final comments were praising Dr. Reddy and the good work he is doing, an offer from Calvin Locklear to do tours at RedHat for students, and Laura Rodgers pointing the group towards the Secure NC LinkedIn group to share out the work we are doing.

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