***Center of Excellence Industry Advisory Board***

***Meeting Notes***

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

**I.     Call to order**

Maureen Majury called to order the Industry Advisory Board of the Center of Excellence for Information and Computing Technology (ICT) at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 26, 2012, in A255V, Bellevue College.

**II.     Roll call**

Maureen Majury, Center Director conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

     Lisa Edwards, Boeing

     Valerie Goulds, Microsoft

     Rich James, F5 Networks

     Juan Ulloa, Bellevue College

The following members were not present:

     Steve Fox, Microsoft

     Greg Hatch, YellowGlobal

New Advisory Board Member

* Darren Varnado, Wimmer Solutions

**III.     New business**

1.  The June 26, 2012 meeting notes were approved.

2.

The board welcomed a new advisory board member recruit, Darren Varnado from Wimmer Solutions.

**About Darren Varnado:** Darren is an accomplished entrepreneur and business developer. He builds business models that integrate corporate citizenship, business and marketing disciplines to create new value for companies, brands, and society. As a seasoned strategist, Darren with deep experience working on the full-spectrum of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and cause-related issues, including environmental sustainability, community involvement, and governance, among others. Taking a brand approach to business development, Darren believes best-in-class companies must embed corporate citizenship/CSR into their cultures, products, experiences and communications. A priority for Darren is helping organizations think differently, solve problems, and develop new and innovative business outcomes.

**About Wimmer Solutions:** Founded in 2002, Seattle-based Wimmer Solutions is a technology consulting company that employs 40 full-time staff and over 300 consultants. We create inspired consulting, staffing, and managed service solutions to support clients in the Puget Sound area and beyond. Center director reviewed the self-assessment document with board members.  Feedback on the self-assessment document was very positive.  Board member(s) liked the format of the document and how thorough it was.

A motion to invite Darren as the newest CoE advisory board member was made by Rich James, and seconded by Valerie Gould.

The Center discussed the Common Course initiative and the results from the July 20, 2012 work session. The board was supportive of the initiative and related it to the YourFuturein.IT website development, as they were updated about the sites progress. The Center director shared some of the initial results from the student survey. Further feedback from students as needed as new tools were being added to the site and needed to be tested by users.

The board was supportive of the work plan and indicated they would make themselves, schedule permitting for work plan initiatives, events, and ICT review teams.

The board concluded the meeting with talking about the state of the industry, changes, new employment practices, and in general sharing about things happening in their respective organizations.

**IV.     Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.  Then next meeting will be scheduled for spring quarter 2013 and officially announced once everyone checks their schedules.

Meeting Notes submitted by:  Maureen Majury

Meeting Notes to be approved by: The board at the next meeting.