11/6/2024 CSA Meeting

Meeting Start 11:21 AM

All students were in attendance for the meeting

- **Short recap on the October Cybersecurity Day**
  - Short thanks to those who participated and attended
  - Request for photos that were taken to be posted/provided
- **October 4th meeting minutes approved**
  - Moved by: Jared Giesen
  - Seconded by: Thomas McGillan
- **Discussion about the application portal for the DoD application:**
  - Returning students should have the access required to complete the reapplication process
  - Applications opened officially at the beginning of the month
  - The official CSA solicitation is expected December 2024
    - Typically the solicitation is processed around the time the application opens, but this year is unique in this circumstance
  - Students that are planning to graduate this spring and continue to a graduate program should begin their applications promptly
  - A zoom information session is scheduled on Monday, 11/18 at 11:15am to provide
- **Housekeeping:**
  - All students confirmed that there were no issues with receiving their stipend for the Fall 2024 cycle
  - New Scholars:
    - New scholars that ordered laptops/desktops confirmed that they received reimbursement for their purchases
    - *Dylan Timbrook has not yet received reimbursement for his laptop purchase*
  - All students were given an opportunity to raise concerns about their book allowance for the fall 2024 cycle
    - No students raised concerns
- **NAVSUP upcoming recruitment meeting (Wednesday, Nov 13th):**
  - The agenda was covered
    - Beginning at 9:30 am – 10:20 am in Stright 327
    - Until 12:00 pm
    - Lunch provided in North Dining until 1:00 pm

- A general request was made to invite friends and fellow computer science students looking for internship/job opportunities
- Recorded names that plan to join for lunch at the NAVSUP conference:
  - **Jared Giesen**
  - **Julia O'Brien**
  - **Nick Kuech**
  - **Noah Oberholtzer**
  - **Evan Crooks**
  - **Dylan Timbrook**

- Graduating Seniors confirmed they are on track to graduate and got the classes they need:
  - Thomas McGillan: Good Status
  - Dylan Timbrook: Good Status
  - Evan Crooks: Good Status
  - James Saylor: Good Status
  - Jared Giesen: Good Status
  - Noah Oberholtzer: Good Status
  - Logan Reddinger: Good Status

- **Students confirmed their schedules for Spring by listing credits:**
  - Dylan Timbrook: 12 credits
  - Jared Giesen: 9 credits
  - Logan Reddinger: 6 credits
  - James Saylor: 12 credits
  - Noah Grattan: 12 credits (14 with COSC 380)
  - Nick Kuech: 12 credits
  - Noah O: 13 credits
  - Carina Warr: 13 credits
  - Allison Stiteler: 16 credits
  - Thomas McGillan: 11 credits
  - Shari Hoch: 17 credits
  - Evan Crooks: 6 credits
  - Julia O'Brien: 13 credits
  - All students confirmed they had no issues with their current classes besides Noah Grattan, who is waitlisted for COSC 380

- **NCAE Cybergames announcements/recruitment was carried out briefly:**
  - Many students in attendance are confirmed to have already signed up to participate in the NCAE games

- o Those in attendance who are not currently signed up were offered a chance to attend and sign up for the competition with the Cybersecurity Club
- **New CSA funds to attend the cybersecurity conference have been allocated for students**
  - o Approval for the specific conference needs to be made by the PI
  - o Documentation of all purchases for reimbursement need to be recorded and provided to the PI prior to travel and after travel to confirm expenditure
  - o The limit of the funds is **$1,750.00**
  - o The grant ends in August, and so the money would need to be reimbursed before that time
    - ▪ Students are advised to choose conferences that will occur before May (before the end of the academic semester)
  - o Currently, the grant is available for a single-use/year
    - ▪ Would need approved as well for the following year in order to be used next year
- **Students were given an opportunity to ask questions regarding the scholarship**
  - o Full-time status is required to get funding by the DoD for returning scholars
    - ▪ Students that are not going to be graduating this spring need to continue to be enrolled full-time
    - ▪ Was previously confirmed in the meeting by all students that have this requirement
  - o Using book funds
    - ▪ Book funds can be allocated in the spring towards paying for exams
      - However, students must pay for the material and exam vouchers themselves
      - Pass the exam
      - And only then will they be reimbursed
    - ▪ E-readers can also be purchased with this money at the end of the spring
      - Will be discussed further on a later date
  - o Letters of Recommendation are required by the PI for returning scholars
- **Students should anticipate a deadline on the CSA portfolio, and should begin compiling their works for the semester**
  - o Deadline will be announced around the time of the next meeting

Respectfully submitted by Evan Crooks and Dr. Farag on November 6th, 2024