WSU Five-Year Program Review Self-Study Cover Page

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Brief Introductory Statement

The Telecommunications Administration major is in the Telecommunications and Business Education Department (TBE) in the College of Applied Science and Technology (COAST) at Weber State University (WSU). Students have the following degree options:

- Bachelor of Science in Telecommunications Administration
- Associate of Applied Science in Telecommunications Administration
- Minor in Telecommunications Administration
- Certificate in Telecommunications
- Certificate in Network Technologies

Students learn to maintain voice and data telecommunications systems. For voice systems, students design, install, and manage phone systems, as well as practice programming switches for telephone applications in a lab situation. For data systems, students learn Linux, Microsoft, and Cisco operating systems as well as master computer programs for Web design, graphics, word processing, spread-sheets, and databases. Students learn and apply concepts about computer virtualization, wireless, network security, cyber policy, and ethics. Students learn to install software and configure data systems to operate efficiently. An internship provides students the opportunity to work in a corporate networking department.

Graduates in this major may work in the telecommunications industry including working with a voice network, a data network, or a converged network. Jobs may focus on local area networks (LAN), fiber optics, switches, firewalls, telemarketing operations, microwave and satellite communications, online databases, telephone systems, voice technology, network security, and telecommunications circuitry.

Mission Statement

The Telecommunications and Business Education Department is committed to providing the highest quality undergraduate programs while preparing students to assume roles in decision making, leadership, research, and service to community and business. The department assists students in developing, communicating, and applying knowledge for the technical and professional world as well as gaining a desire for lifelong learning.

Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment

At the end of their study at WSU, students in this program will

- 1. possess effective business communication skills.
- 2. possess effective computational skills.
- 3. possess knowledge and skills of technology.
- 4. implement effective decision-making and problem-solving skills.
- 5. Note: department goal not applicable to this major
- 6. implement effective ethics and professionalism.

Summary Information

The department has six student learning outcomes; however, only outcomes 1, 2,

3, 4, and 6 are assessed in the Telecommunications Administration major.

		Eviden	e of Learning: Courses within the Telecommunications Administrati	on Major	
Program Learning Goal	Measurable Learning Outcome	Method of Measure- ment Direct and Indirect Measures*	Findings Linked to Learning Outcomes	Interpretation of Findings	Action Plan/Use of Results
<i>Goal 1:</i> Students will possess effective business communicati on skills	Learning Outcome 1: Students will maintain a score of 3.5 or above on the writing assessment.	<i>Measure 1:</i> Writing Assessment Rubric	Measure 1: Writing Assessment 5.0 4.0 3.0	<i>Measure 1:</i> Since Fall 2008 when this data collection was begun, students have maintained an average score of 3.5 on the written communication assessment.	<i>Measure 1:</i> To continue to evaluate the individual element scores on the writing rubric to improve the sub scores
	Learning Outcome 2: Students will maintain a score of 3.5 or above on the oral communicati on assessment.	<i>Measure 2:</i> Oral Communica tion Assessment Rubric	Measure 2: Oral Communication Assessment 5.0 4.5 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 1.5 1.0 0.5 0.0 Fall Spring Summer Fall S	<i>Measure 2:</i> Since Fall 2008 when this data collection was begun, students have maintained an average score of 3.5 on the oral communication assessment.	<i>Measure 2:</i> To continue to evaluate the individual element scores on the oral com rubric to improve the sub scores

Evidence of Learning: Courses within the Telecommunications Administration Major

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<i>Goal 2:</i> Students will possess effective computation al skills	Learning Outcome 2: Students will accurately use formulas and functions to perform business applications.	<i>Measure 1:</i> Internship Employer and Student Forms	Academic Year E=Employer S=Student 2009/2010 2010/2011	form funct perforn	Comp Intely uses I as and tions to n business ications S 5 17	erron formu funct perform	nal Ski only a few rs with Ilas and ions to n business cations S 0 7	Ils Makes nu errors formul functic perform applica E 0 0	with as and ons to business	NA E S 0 0 4 0	Measure 1: Of the employers who rated students' computational skills, 25 out of 28 (89%) rated students in the highest level. Of the students who rated their own computational skills, 22 out of 29 (76%) rated themselves in the highest level.	Measure 1: To continue to have employers rate student's computational skills. To continue to have students rate their computational skills.
<i>Goal 3:</i> Students will possess effective knowledge and skills	<i>Learning</i> <i>Outcome 3:</i> Students will work beyond the level of educational background.	<i>Measure 1:</i> Internship Employer and Student Forms		Academi E=Empl S=Stuc 009/201 010/201	c Year loyer lent .0	nowled Wor beyo level educat backgro E 7 16	ks nd of ional e ound k S 3	Skills Works on level omparable to ducational ackground E S 6 8 8 10	level educa	ks on below ational ground S 0 0	Measure 1: Of the employers who rated students' know- ledge and skills, 23 out of 37 (62 %) rated students in the highest level. Of the students who rated their own knowledge and skills, 17 out of 35 (49%) rated themselves in the highest level.	<i>Measure 1:</i> To continue to have employers rate student's knowledge and skills. To continue to have students rate their knowledge and skills.
<i>Goal 4:</i> Students will possess effective decision- making and problem- solving skills	Learning Outcome 4: Students will identify most problems and implement solutions.	<i>Measure 1:</i> Internship Employer and Student Forms	Measure 1: Academic E=Emplo S=Stude	yer	Ident mc	ost ns and nents	Ider sc proble imple sc	tifies me ms and ments me tions	ide prol a imple	ble to entify blems and ement utions	Measure 1:Of the employers whorated students' problem-solving skills, 32 out of 37(86 %) rated students inthe highest level. Of thestudents who rated theirown problem-solvingskills, 28 out of 35 (80%)rated themselves in thehighest level.	Measure 1: To continue to have employers rate student's problem- solving skills. To continue to have students rate their problem-
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Goal 6: Students will possess knowledge of ethics and professionalism	<i>Learning</i> <i>Outcome 6:</i> Students wi demonstrate excellent wo ethics.	e Student	ip er and		e 1: lemic ear	exce	nonstrat lent wo		ics Demon good eth	work		emonstra poor wor ethics		Measure 1: Of the employers who rated students' ethics, 35 out of 37 (95%) rated students in the	<i>Measure 1:</i> To continue having employers rate student's work ethics. To
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*At least one measure per objective must be a direct measure. Indirect measures may be used to supplement evidence provided via the direct measures.

Academic Advising

Both Dr. Diana Green and Mr. Ken Cuddeback advise students in this major. Dr. Green advises students whose last names start with A-M, and Mr. Cuddeback advises students whose last names start with N-Z. Mr. Cuddeback also advises students at the Davis campus. Students are encouraged to have appointments with their advisors at least once a year. During the interview, plans are created for the sequence of courses needed to complete the requirements in the amount of time designated by the students.

The effectiveness of the advising is shown through students taking the courses in correct sequence; thus, eliminating extra semesters. Those who do not meet with their advisors find their courses out of sequence and cannot take the next course due to prerequisites. We have created a potential schedule of course work form that outlines the students' progress in the program. The future recommendation is to continue using the form. Students have indicated that the schedule of course work assists them in completing their courses in order and at the right time.

Faculty

Thirteen faculty members (See Appendix C) teach regularly in the telecommunications administration program. The TBE Department receives excellent support from university departments such as WSU Online. The WSU Online staff has provided training and ongoing support. Many of the faculty has received Master Online Teacher certification by completing a series of workshops coordinated by the WSU Online office related to teaching techniques and current technology. The WSU Online office also has provided leadership on campus in regards to learning management systems (LMS). We have used WebCT, Blackboard, and Canvas in most of our courses. These LMS have led to efficiencies both in face-to-face courses as well as online courses. At the college level, the department has received excellent technical support from staff, which keeps the classrooms functioning effectively. The faculty has three areas of responsibility: teaching, service, and research. High teaching loads and expectations of service limit the time available to complete research. Additional faculty positions would allow current faculty to have time for professional development as well as allow the program to offer more advanced courses that would make students more employable.

Relationships with External Communities

The role of the Advisory Committee has been essential to the development of curriculum. The committee's recommendations help keep courses current and relevant and also provide input regarding quality of student work. Local businesses and organizations provide support to the department in several ways. They provide internships, which are required for a telecommunication majors. The internship provides an opportunity for students to gain relevant work experience. Internship evaluation is used in assessment. Businesses also contact us to find students to do projects for them such as voice and data networking.

APPENDICES

Appendix A: Student and Faculty Statistical Summary for Department

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Student Credit Hours Total	14,402	17,269	14,718	15,882	16,323
Student FTE Total	480.07	575.63	490.58	529.40	544.10
Student Majors AAS Degree	25	18	16	10	18
Student Majors BS Degree	68	62	74	68	71
Department Graduates	43	26	36	33	41
Certificate	0	0	0	0	1
Associate Degree	19	3	11	8	10
Bachelor Degree	24	23	25	25	30
Student Demographic Profile	129	139	157	153	175
Female	43	49	51	47	51
Male	86	90	106	106	124
Faculty FTE Total	15.22	15.58	15.62	16.09	NA
Adjunct FTE	7.72	8.08	9.05	8.98	NA
Contract FTE	7.50	7.50	6.57	7.11	NA
Student/Faculty Ratio	31.54	36.95	31.41	32.90	NA

Note: Data provided by Institutional Research

Appendix B: Contract/Adjunct Faculty Profile

Name	Gender	Ethnicity	Rank	Tenure	Highest	Years of	Areas of Expertise
Ms. Laura Anderson	F	Caucasian	Instructor	Status NonTenure Track	DegreeMaster's	Teaching19	Business/Multimedia
Mr. Kenneth Cuddeback	М	Caucasian	Associate Professor	Tenured	Master's	17	Cisco, Security, Networking, Network Server Admin Internships Advisor
Dr. Diana Green	F	Caucasian	Professor	Tenured	Doctorate	29	Bus Communications Supervisory InfoTech Spreadsheets Internships Advisor
Dr. Laura MacLeod	F	Caucasian	Associate Professor	Tenured	Doctorate	30	Multimedia
Ms. Joyce Porter	F	Caucasian	Instructor	NonTenure Track	Master's	37	Web Design
Dr. Allyson Saunders	F	Caucasian	Professor	Tenured	Doctorate	29	Bus Communications
Dr. Alden Talbot	М	Caucasian	Professor	Tenured	Doctorate	43	Advisor
Mr. Thomas Bell	М	Caucasian	Adjunct Faculty	NA	Master's	1	Internet/Database Integration
Mr. Scott Checketts	М	Caucasian	Adjunct Faculty	NA	Master's	7	Fiber and Wireless
Ms. Sandra Jensen	F	Caucasian	Adjunct Faculty	NA	Master's	3	Bus Communication
Mr. Rex Knowles	М	Caucasian	Adjunct Faculty	NA	Bachelor's	11	Cyber Policy and Ethics
Ms. Carole Lapine	F	Caucasian	Adjunct Faculty	NA	Master's	13	CIL Bus Communication
Ms. Jennifer Morgan	F	Caucasian	Adjunct Faculty	NA	Master's	6	CIL

							Intro to Operating Systems
Mr. Darin Myers	М	Caucasian	Adjunct Faculty	NA	Master's	11	Digital Switching
Mr. Steve Pecorella	М	Caucasian	Adjunct Faculty	NA	Bachelor's	9	Digital Switching
Mr. Mark Sagers	М	Caucasian	Adjunct Faculty	NA	Bachelor's	20	Transport Media
Mr. Randy Swalberg	М	Caucasian	Adjunct Faculty	NA	Master's	20	Data Network Design
Mr. Larry Welch	М	Caucasian	Adjunct Faculty	NA	Bachelor's	13	Voice Network Design

Note: CIL (Computer and Information Literacy)

Appendix C: Staff Profile

Name	Gender	Ethnicity	Job Title	Years of	Areas of Expertise
				Employment	
Angela Christensen	F	Caucasian	Administrative	2	Office Support
Classified Staff			Assistant		Coadvisor, PBL
Carole Barrios Lapine	F	Caucasian	Computer Literacy	13	CIL
Professional Staff			Administrator		Business Communication
					Computer Software

Appendix D: Financial Analysis Summary

Department of Tele	Department of Telecommunications & Business Education										
Cost	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11						
Direct Instructional Expenditures	895,026	838,870	888,107	894,476	928,019						
Cost Per Student FTE	1,864	1,457	1,810	1,690	1,706						
Funding	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11						
Appropriated Fund	754,391	784,485	801,650	808,469	815,897						
Other:											
Special Legislative Appropriation											
Grants of Contracts					7,026						
Special Fees/Differential Tuition	140,635	54,385	86,457	86,007	105,095						
Total	895,026	838,870	888,107	894,476	928,019						

Note: Data provided by Provost's Office

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Appendix E: External Community Involvement Names and Organizations

Appendix F: External Community Involvement Financial Contributions

Organization	Amount	Туре
XO Company (voice switching equipment)	\$20,000	Donation