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IT ALLIANCE FALL 2021 MEETING MINUTES
Romain College of Business at USI
Friday, December 10, 2021, 7:30 a.m.
University Center (UCE) 2217-2218

Members Present: Alan Letterman (Chair), Abram Devonshire, Patrick Heck, John Knight, Andrew
Melchiors, Drew Peyronnin, Kim Poynter, Stacy Draper, Philip Hannah, Ryan Parmenter, Vinnie Ciuffetelli

Members Absent: Terry Clements, James Derk, Scott Franzel, Jeff Gorman, Lisa Hobgood, Bob
Humphrey, Paul Kilroy, Kevin Kolley, Douglas Petitt, Kelly Reisinger, Nic Sagez, David Smith (Chair-Elect),
Anthony Spitz

Ex-officio Members Present: Abbey Foroughi, Brian McGuire

Faculty Present: Jiaying Liu, Josh McWilliams, Kasra Pourang, Scott Anderson, Xue Han, Srishti
Srivastava, Gongjun Yan, Kenneth Shemroske

Students Present: 12 students for Senior Projects

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o Four of our CIS and CS faculty participated in JobSpark, a technology career-awareness
program for middle/high school students offered through Junior Achievement and
sponsored by RCOB alumna and current Berry Global CIO, Debbie Garrison.
o This virtual event made students aware of career options and the exciting topics they
can learn about in our RCOB courses.
x Dr. Xue Han is using short projects in his CS478 course to prep for Senior Projects course using
advanced coding.
x The CIS and CS departments are exploring the possibility of developing other relevant micro-credential certificates (such as coding/programming, web/ecommerce, software engineering
and CIS and CS MBA concentrations.

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x RCOB Interim Dean McGuire commented that while attending a Financial Services meeting
recently there was much discussion about IT and Cryptocurrencies, which reinforces the need
for the types of courses discussed by Dr. Foroughi