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RE: November 2021 Student Update from the President

Dear ITU students,

We hope you are doing well, in good health, and preparing studiously for your Fall final exams and group projects!

In this update, I will cover a few important topics.

Accreditation Status

ITU successfully submitted the WSCUC “Interim Report” due in October, 2021. We were fortunate to report strong facts to WSCUC: continuing financial strength; compliance with WSCUC articulated concerns/requirements; improvements to most -- if not all -- areas of university function; and high quality service to you, our cherished ITU students.

WSCUC Liaison Officer, Dr. Mark Goor, stated in an email that the evaluation process will take “several months” to complete, and while not giving any specific dates, also mentioned that if WSCUC makes any changes to ITU accreditation, they will give ITU students early notification.

From the voice of ITU executive management, our words are not so weak and non-committal. Accreditation is an absolute requirement for ITU to maintain, if we are to compete fairly in the education market. ITU Board and Executive leadership, therefore, have **absolute** commitment to our students and to the future of the institution to retain WSCUC accreditation.

Why ITU is so Awesome

The ITU model is proven -- repeatedly “Commended” by WSCUC visiting teams -- in its unique ability to deliver industry-relevant training to ITU students. Last academic year, 88%-100% of ITU students (per department) had paid job placement (internships) while still sitting in class. Compensations were universally higher (sometimes 2X) than the national average with the same job title, and similar to Silicon Valley working professionals.

Fact: ITU students are the highest paid skilled workers on the face of the planet.

Check the ITU website (<https://itu.edu/home/about/iea/>) for details on how well you are all doing as a cohort.

So congratulations, you made the right choice in coming to ITU. And we will continue to improve what we already are the best in the world in doing, educating you in the most exciting and current tech areas championed by Silicon Valley technology leaders.

Two Year Advanced Scheduling

The next announcement is that we are soon rolling out, via our EMS (Educational Management System) technology platform, an advancement to our curriculum/course scheduling, so that students will be able to sign up for and/or request specific classes interactively a full two years or six (6) trimesters ahead of time.



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This means that your future schedule, will no longer be a mystery -- two years out. Functionally, if enough of you request a specific class/topic area in a future term, ITU will automatically schedule it in for you in response.

Exciting? For sure! But please remember that all new pathways inevitably have bugs to fix. So as with all the many unique innovations coming out of ITU at such a fast rate these days, please extend your patience with us, as we continue to refine our offerings to you. Perfection comes over iterations.

Curriculum Updates

It goes without saying that the above tech platform supports and allows for highly flexible, almost instantaneous development of new courseware. So keep yourselves updated with ITU's latest course offerings weekly. ITU procures new subject courseware as fast as we see it coming into high demand in the Silicon Valley industry.

Overview Nuggets (A Subsection of Standard ITU Classes)

Another cultural standard we are creating at ITU, is the articulation of an "Overview" subsection of our tech courses, such that a layperson in another department will still be able to follow and benefit from knowing the latest technologies without committing to become an expert in that field.

These Overview Nuggets will be short in duration, and available to all students. This is a unique curricular standard not found in any other top university of which I know, and it is specifically designed so that ITU students become the most informed technologists and generalists on the globe. I highly encourage you to take as many of these Overview Nuggets as your schedule can possibly fit in.

As always we are looking forward to bringing you the best Silicon Valley trending tech has to offer. I encourage you all to join next Tuesday's (Nov 9) SGA meeting at 5pm, to participate in ITU's culture and contribute positively to build our community. Our future is Bright!

Best always,


Yau-Gene Chan
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President & CEO