**Computer Science Department – IAB and Industry Liaisons Meeting 05/04/2018**

**(Meeting following Senior Design Expo Presentations)**

CS faculty coordinator (Russ): Thank you message and asks for feedback

City of LA liaison: this year is smoother and shorter than last year, which is good

CS faculty coordinator (Russ): we have 23 projects this year, so 4 parallel sessions is a good solution

JPL liaisons: More chat or conversation with students in person at the end of the Expo

CS department chair (Raj): How were the presentations and the variety of projects? Any feedback?

LA County liaisons: Wow! A wide array of projects. 3 of the LA county projects received high praise when they were presented in front of the LA County Board of Supervisors. All 36 county divisions are on board to extend senior design projects/internships to students.

Several liaisons: Good experience for students, they will have good opportunities in their career

Boeing liaison (Marianne): The presentations were good, and the students get enough training of software development including agile techniques.

CSULA coordinator (Mike): It is going to be a larger event next year, more seniors next year. There will be guest speakers for senior design students every week next year.

CSULA faculty (Keenan): liaison joining the team setup meeting would be good.

Several liaisons raised the possibility of collaborating project of ME, EE and CS?

CSULA coordinator (Mike): yes, there are a few interdisciplinary projects this year and we will be having more next year.

CSULA faculty (Richard): I am the faculty advisor for “Swarmathon Robotics” interdisciplinary project and the collaboration is good based on my experience this year.

LA City liaison: Next year’s project may involve more hardware, who should purchase the equipment, university or company?

CS department chair (Raj): either one can buy it. After the faculty advisor approve it, it can be purchased from university.

CSULA coordinator (Mike): There are many equipment, e.g., motors, chip board, available for students to try during the time they purchase the equipment, so it should not affect the project timeline.

Several liaisons: Any deadline for submitting the project?

CS faculty coordinator (Russ): we accept submissions all the time, but it has to before the senior design starts.

CS faculty (Keenan): any information about the extension of cloud service?

CS department chair (Raj): We can use the internal private cloud that we set up recently. In addition, we can use the public cloud.

Several CS faculty: The team set up process could be open to students. Any chance students can pick their team?

Mike, Raj: the EE and ME team set up is two direction choice. But CS has a different algorithm to match up the students into teams.

Aerospace liaison: How about a career fair after the expo luncheon?

Several liaisons: an after-event outreach activity could be better.

Mike: It is a possibility. We can create a “resume booklet” put together for all seniors. We could be extend expo’s afternoon to a career fair.

Aerospace liaison: LinkedIn or other professional social network could help the students in the job hunting process.

Raj, Mike: we need to have more sponsors, more projects for students next year. Any ideas are helpful. We look forward to all submission of ideas very soon.