SC DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION #2 – 11.10.2025

Quick recap

The meeting began with the instructor discussing upcoming events, including the introduction of substitute speaker Kent Meyer to discuss the Department of Administration's network and emergency services. The instructor outlined the remaining semester schedule and emphasized the importance of community involvement and collaboration. The discussion then focused on the Department of Administration's various functions and ongoing projects, including network infrastructure updates and the recent merger of several agencies, while highlighting opportunities for student internships in IT fields.

Next steps

- Students: Submit cover letter revisions by tonight

- Students: Fill out and turn in blank internship forms

- Anthony: Finish reviewing late submissions for cover letter revisions

- Students interested in internships: Send information/resumes to Kent Meyer, who will forward to Laura Lewis

Summary

Presentation Logistics and Community Engagement

The instructor mentioned upcoming events and research opportunities, emphasizing the importance of community involvement and collaboration. The instructor also touched on the time and effort required for certain projects, highlighting the value of experience gained through such endeavors.

Network Services and Semester Updates

The instructor introduced Kent Meyer, who substituted for Nathan Hogue, to discuss the Department of Administration's network and emergency services. The instructor outlined the remaining schedule for the semester, including upcoming guest speakers and a final review of the final exam. He also mentioned the need to complete internship forms and cover letter revisions, as well as details about an upcoming etiquette dinner.

State Administration Department Overview

Kent Meyer introduced the Department of Administration, explaining its role as a catch-all agency responsible for various state government functions, including IT, real estate, fleet management, finance, and HR services. He highlighted the agency's close collaboration with the governor's office and its involvement in significant projects, such as the recent split of DHEC into two separate agencies. Kent emphasized the complexity of the DHEC split, which involved reconfiguring the technical environment to support two distinct agencies of 7,000 employees.

Network Separation and Infrastructure Update

Kent discussed the ongoing network separation project between DES and DPH, highlighting the challenges of splitting shared systems and data. He also explained the recent merger of DDSN, DMH, and DeOTIS into the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD), effective July 1. The current project involves unifying the network infrastructure for 86 sites across these three agencies, replacing various network equipment to standardize on Cisco platforms for better support and management.

Department of Administration Technology Overview

Kent provided an overview of the Department of Administration's technology operations, highlighting their facilities, staff, and various divisions including DTO, DIS, and the Division of Enterprise Applications. He explained their use of cloud services, networking infrastructure, and enterprise resource management systems. Kent discussed the department's managed service provider model and emphasized the importance of their emergency services division. He encouraged students to apply for internships at DTO, noting that they offer paid positions with flexible schedules and the opportunity to gain experience in a variety of IT fields.