



## Huntsville Regional Chapter of INCOSE Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2007

1. Chester Williams, President of INCOSE HRC, welcomed the attendees who had gathered at the SAIC Millennium Room for our January General monthly meeting.
2. Chester noted that Michael Miller was a new INCOSE HRC member and should be welcomed.
3. Chester reminded all the Officers in attendance that a quick Officers' planning meeting would take place immediately after tonight's General Meeting.
4. Chester introduced Jack Macris, the speaker for the evening. He is the Resident Administrator at Redstone Arsenal for the Florida Institute of Technology (FIT). He said that Mr. Macris would be speaking on the graduate programs available locally and through the FIT distance learning program.
5. Jack Macris made the presentation, answering questions from the audience along the way. He described the graduate-level programs available from the Florida Institute of Technology. He passed out some brochures, and said that additional information on FIT distance learning programs is available at <http://uc.fit.edu/dl/>. He described a Master of Science in Computer Information Systems, see <http://uc.fit.edu/es/Melbourne/cis>. FIT is a pioneer in distance learning through the Internet and web casts. FIT is ranked among the top public and private national universities according to *America's Best Colleges 2000 College Guide* published by U.S. News and World Report.

Mr. Macris said that because of the moderate size of the FIT off-campus student body, class size is relatively small. Students at FIT are treated as individuals, not merely numbers. Each incoming student is assigned a graduate advisor to assist the student in formulating a graduate program plan to meet the individual needs of each student.

Each graduate degree program may be completed in two years or less. However, you may work to complete your degree program at your own pace. The majority of students at the center usually enroll for one course per semester, but enroll for two or more courses when their schedules permit.

The instructors at the center are working professionals with hands-on experience in the discipline in which they teach. All of the instructors have a terminal degree (Ph.D. or equivalent).

6. After he answered a few questions from the attendees, Chester thanked Mr. Macris for an excellent and informative talk, and everyone applauded.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.