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Dear Dr. BusiReddyGari,

Thank you for inviting me to join the advisory board for the cybersecurity program at UNCP. As requested, I have reviewed the curriculum for the Information Technology, Cyber Security Track, BS offered by the university.

My qualifications for joining the board and reviewing the curriculum against industry standards are as follows. I am currently the Head of Operations and CISO of NetFoundry, a US based company providing network as a service solutions and the primary sponsor of the OpenZiti open source software. I have been in the networking and services industry for almost 30 years, primarily in the carrier wireless space, before my current company. In 2016, I joined NetFoundry as a network and security engineer. In 2018, I became the Head of Security and Compliance, and a few months ago took my current role. I am a CISSP, since June, 2017, and CCSP since Jan 2019, currently in good standing. I have held a number of other security and technology certifications as well.

With this background, and awareness of the current state of the cybersecurity practice within organizations, I have reviewed the curriculum. I find the curriculum well balanced, and in alignment with industry standards. The core curriculum is strong, and the various electives cover a spectrum of both technical and business aspects of the cybersecurity domain. These offerings give the students the opportunity to prepare themselves for a broad range of cybersecurity roles, operational, research, compliance, risk management, and others.

I look forward to working with the faculty and advisory board to ensure UNCP maintains this level of alignment with the ever changing needs of the cybersecurity profession.

Sincerely yours,

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