**School of Accountancy Faculty meeting**

**11-25-2019**

**2:00 p.m. to 2:47 p.m.**

**Minutes**

**Attendees:** Shirley Daniel, Liming Guan, Boochun Jung, Manu Ka’iama, Jee-Hae Lim, Myron Mitsuyasu, Thomas Pearson , Jenny Teruya,  Jian Zhou, Hamid Pourjalali, and

Excused: Chris Park, Mary Woollen, Tu Xu, and David Yang

The meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m.

**Minutes:** Minutes of September 23rd was approved.

Pourjalali asked for feedback on SOA Advisory Board meeting. The following was recommended:

* Providing information about faculty performance highlights
* Providing information on new faculty: Paul Higo and Michael Dell
* Requesting that the Board communicate with accounting profession by supporting MAcc instead of recommending that MAcc is not beneficial (firms can support MAcc students by providing them with full or partial tuition support)
* Providing information about 200/201 progress
* Indicating that the Dean has supported SOA faculty similar to other Shidler Faculty and additional funds are used by SOA and its faculty. Stated differently, the SOA faculty are not penalized as a result of funds supported by alumni and friends
* Indicate that the Board is welcome to attend HARC ($100 registration fee)
* Ask if the Advisory Board want to change the name of the MAcc to Masters of Accounting and Data Analytics

Pourjalali and Jung provided a short report on HARC

Faculty discussed issues surrounding PhD program and PhD students. Pourjalali reported that he would support half of AAA annual meeting costs for only those students who have been working appropriately for their RAship and have performed well in their program. Furthermore, he indicated that if PhD students are not able to do their assigned tasks, they should not be granted future RAship. Daniel suggested that the decision on removing RAship be delegated to the PhD committee.

Faculty thanked Ka’iama’s for her support for one of the MAcc students who plans to pursue a PhD.

Faculty recognized Michael Dell’s (retired E&Y partner and member of SOA Advisory Board) decision to join SOA part-time faculty.

Pourjalali provided a report on Acc 416 (special issues in accounting). He indicated 15 students had shown interest in the course.

Faculty indicated their support of last two Shidler Speakers and considered supporting MAcc name change (to Masters of Accounting and Data Analytics) after receiving Advisory Board comments.

AIS committee minutes were circulated among the faculty.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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**9-23-2019**

**2:00 p.m. to 2:47 p.m.**

**Minutes**

**Attendees:** Shirley Daniel, Liming Guan, Boochun Jung, Manu Ka’iama, Jee-Hae Lim, Myron Mitsuyasu, , Jenny Teruya, Tu Xu, Mary Woollen, Jian Zhou, Hamid Pourjalali, and David Yang

Excused: Thomas Pearson (Sabbatical)

The meeting commenced at 2:00 p.m.

**Minutes:** Minutes of August 19th was approved with minor change.

Pourjalali provided a brief report on his UH Hilo visit. To make sure that appropriate attention to Hawaiian culture is given, he will coordinate the opening ceremony and reception location on January 4th with Ka’iama

Jung provided a summary report on HARC 2020, the number of submitted papers and the process of reviewing papers.

Zhou indicated that the PhD students are progressing well.

IMA student chapter was discussed at the meeting and Accounting Club’s recognition by IMA was noted.

Pourjalali reported that he would create a committee of those who were (or would be) teaching Accounting Information System (Acc409) so the coverage can be coordinated. He indicated that Lim, Guan, Laden will be included in this committee.

Pourjalali reported that Forensic Accounting course has been offered twice (the Spring and the Fall of 2019) He also provided the following deadlines for work load determination

* **The due date of the plan to the department chair/director is October 15, 2019.**
* **The department chairs/director will turn in the plan with their final decision for workloads for the academic year beginning the next Fall Semester by November 30, 2019.**
* **should there be a workload disagreement, the Chair/Director and the faculty member can request mediation with the Dean, no later than December 6, 2019.**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

November 5, 2019

Accounting Information Systems (AIS) Committee meeting

Present: Liming Guan, Felicia Ladin, Jee-Hae Lim, Joe Mendez, Hamid Pourjalali, and Patrick Williamson

Pourjalali thanked the membership of the Committee. He mentioned the objective of the Committee as follows:

* To make sure the coverage of AIS is appropriate
* To make sure that the coverage of AIS is similar no matter who teaches the course
* To make sure that the SOA will have a continuous review of how the AIS course is covered, and if the faculty members need to update the course material and coverage

The following issues were discussed:

Current coverage of the AIS, as reflected in Lim's syllabus (Fall 2019), is appropriate. The coverage applies Accounting theory, covers current AIS topics and skills to solve real-world problems. Professional members of the Committee suggested more emphasis on the following issues (but may not be possible to cover these topics within the same course) :

* Focus on Data Analytics and its use in business decisions. For example, how data is used for analyzing patterns, trends, and opportunities from real business improvements.
* The curriculum should emphasize Blockchain-related topics, which will help students identify strategic insights and transform business for the current emerging market
* While covering business processes (BP), faculty should highlight IT Security risks, IT Auditing, and IT Controls. A case can be utilized to show students these IT related topics.

The following methods can be used to provide necessary coverage:

* Inviting professional(s) to the class (can be easily implemented)
* Additional course(s) in undergraduate accounting program (it has to be elective only, and students may not take it)
* Additional course(s) in MAcc program (can be elective, and if necessary required)
* One credit elective course(s) similar to the ones offered for Data Analytics (will take a few years to make a culture for students to take the class and not everyone will take it)

Pourjalali indicated that future meeting(s) of the Committee would be chaired by Lim. Lim and other Committee members will make determinations on how to improve AIS coverage. As such, their recommendations will be the basis of changes in the AIS curriculum at the School of Accountancy.