ACC 201/202 Curriculum committee

April 2, 2018

Present: Roger Debreceny, Liming Guan, Boochun Jung, Manu Kaiama, Myron Mitsuyasu, Jenny Teruya, David Yang

We discussed switching the order that students take ACC 201 and 202 and agreed that we would like to implement this starting Fall 2019

* ACC 202 would place more emphasis on service industry (rather than manufacturing)
* Depth of ACC 201 topic coverage would be reduced (for example, the concept of depreciation would focus just on straight-line instead of looking at different methods)

Many have observed that students who saw the relevance of accounting (for example were investing in stock or owned their own businesses) were more engaged and performed better.

* Plan to bring non-accounting people to talk to ACC 201/202 students about how accounting information is used in their jobs

To facilitate more hands-on activities, we discussed going to a model of teaching ACC 201/202 using a 2+1 model (students attend 2 50-minute lectures and 150-minute lab per week). Lectures would be held on Wednesday/Friday schedule with labs on Monday.

* Lectures would be 120 students/labs would be 30-40 students
* Suggested to have one faculty conduct lectures and one faculty to coordinate labs for each course
* Some labs taught by MAcc students and Ph.D. students
* Would like to pursue this after evaluating switching the order of ACC 201 and 202

Other changes discussed:

Having ACC 201/202 for accounting majors vs. non-accounting majors

Having ACC 201 split at mid-point of semester for accounting vs. non-accounting majors

* Need incentive to take more “difficult” accounting track such as higher curve

TO DO:

Need to determine the content of ACC 201 and ACC 202:

ACC 201:

* Mid-April: Manu will make list of skills/knowledge that students should have entering ACC 321
* Late April: Manu, Boochun, David and Jenny will create detailed ACC 201 course coverage.

ACC 202:

* Mid-April: Jenny will ask for input from Shirley and Myron regarding skills, knowledge that students should have entering ACC 460b
* April: Roger will research different software to be used for analytics component of ACC 202
* Late April/Early May: Roger, Myron, Liming and Jenny will create detailed ACC 202 course coverage.

Fall 2018:

* Find publisher that will best meet our needs
* Begin making appropriate parties aware of change