Minutes of Faculty Meeting
February 9, 2015
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
BusAd G-301

Attendees: Roger Debreceny, Liming Guan, Boochun Jung, Thomas Pearson, Hamid Pourjalali, Jenny Teruya, Tawei Wang, John Wendell, Mary Woollen, David Yang, Jian Zhou, Ikuko Sasaki, and Marlene Sagapolutele.

Not in Attendance: Shirley Daniel and Manu Kaiama (both excused)

Minutes of faculty meeting of January 26, 2015 passed (after removal of "Extraordinary Items from Acc 321 topics.

Pourjalali introduced visiting faculty Professor Ikuko Sasaki from Tohoku University.

The faculty had a detailed discussion on cheating issues reported by one of Shidler student. Pourjalali indicated that the director and Dean's offices support faculty in full in dealing with cheating issues. Some of the topics discussed is reported below:

Students know cheating occurs, but hesitate to share it with faculty. Faculty must encourage students to report when cheating happens.

Maybe having a webcams can help reduce cheating.

Test Banks and Software are compromised! Faculty need to take the time to change and adjust questions and answers to prevent memorization of answers

Faculty was encouraged to
create their own exams and give comprehensive exams instead of a few chapters at a time.
confiscate phones when students use the restroom during exam
have different versions of test in the same section of a class
have students place everything on the floor during an exam
to be concerned about computer exams as students have access to internet to cheat
to designed test considering cell phones have hotspots that students can use
to be aware that cheating in case studies takes place more often
to be diligent with the simple things. Changing exams, no walking out when students take exam, etc.
to give students customized questions with different data sets. Takes a lot of time to prepare.
to walk around and watch the students carefully.

Other comments:
The test bank contains over 1000 questions. Maybe students cannot really utilize them to cheat with that many questions
Cheating doesn't seem like much of an issue at the ACC 201 and ACC 202 levels. More concerned about case studies and essay questions

Technology makes it harder to catch cheating. Students use technology in different ways now. More concerned about substantive learning rather than cheating.

Students give old homework and quizzes to other students to use. Need to stress about being honorable. A policy should already be in place in BAP. Some faculty do not believe that this constitute cheating, some do, while some consider this as an unethical issue for students that needs to be addressed.

We used a software called Turnitin, but the college dropped it. Is useful now to detect cheating and plagiarism. Should recommend bringing it back. May prevent a lot of cheating. In addition, the software gives student feedback about their work. It costs about a $1,000

Sasaki indicated that they have similar problems with Cheating back in Japan. They also use software to help detect plagiarism

A resolution is made to have common language regarding cheating in every faculty syllabus
Approved (1 abstain)

<u>To-Do-List from last Fall:</u>

Faculty looked at to-do-list from past meetings and gave feedback on what still has to be done

-To provide faculty opportunity to go to meetings and bootcamp (Page 7, Item 4).

-curriculum review process complete for financial track?

- Executive MAcc concerns? (Page 9, Item 1)
  Main concern is how it will affect current MAcc program. If it's possible to keep traditional MAcc but also do Executive MAcc, it is a feasible idea. Perhaps have dual coding for all the courses

- offering ACC 202 before ACC 201? (Page 8, Item 2)

- more executive teaching opportunities? (Page 9, Item 2)

- Incentive to pass CPA exam still not solved (Page 10, Item 4)

-KPMG scholarship funds. Did we get any? (Page 10, Item 7)

<u>UH Campus-wide accounting conference, December 13 To-Do-List</u>

Pourjalali reported that Dec. 13th meeting was a very productive meeting. Community colleges are doing a good job and are involved. He also indicated that community colleges are interested in having their ACC 124, 125, 126 to be accepted as ACC 201 and ACC 202.

Pearson indicated that graduate of KCC, typically go to UH West Oahu, not UH Manoa because UHM does not accept some of KCC's credit and the issue must be addressed at the University level.

Woollen supported having more KCC students as they have more experiences and are well trained. Wendell agreed and suggested more articulation to find out what keeps these students from coming into our program

Teruya suggested that SOA educate KCC students about why Manoa degree is better than West Oahu. The counselors may not educate students on the difference in degrees. For example, BAP and Accounting Club members can talk to students at KCC and make a presentation

Pourjalali suggested the scholarship program ($1000 per students identified by KCC faculty) similar to what was in place in early 2000.

Woollen emphasized on educating students about the consequences of their choices and the need for educating them to make informed decisions. Pourjalali suggested that Manoa and West Ohau serve different markets. Yang indicated that number of students at West Oahu has increased substantially and many come from the West Oahu side.

<u>Information from PhD committee, Recruiting PhD students:</u>

The PhD committee will interview PhD candidates. There are very good candidates in the new list.

PhD students must be able to communicate and they need to know that they are expected to work for 20 hours a week.
Pourjalali requested that faculty do not accept PhD student assignments if they are not going to utilize the number of PhD student hours assigned.

<u>PhD students assignments, teaching and grading:</u>

PhD students are still learning, we need faculty to have control to make sure PhD students learn how to teach.

Problems of PhD students Grading/Syllabus

- Assigning Grades. Some PhD students pass students who should not pass
- Recommend that PhD students follow faculty syllabus
- The faculty will assign grades

PhD committee must come up with a policy for PhD students to teach.

<u>Speakers Report:</u>

Dr. Elaine Maudlin will be visiting at the end of the month, Dr. Gul will come in the Fall

Two PhD students will be presenting papers.

March 2nd-Juan Qin
March 6th-Fujiao Xie

Jung requested that those who want to present papers, contact him so he can schedule their presentations.

MAcc Brochure:

Pourjalali reported that Tom Wellman, a MAcc alumni and member of SOA Advisory Board is taking a lead on developing the brochure. Some pictures have been taken for the brochure and some more are planned for downtown.

Committee Reports: None

SOA Policies and Procedures:

- Need information from Shirley, Jenny, and John.

Pourjalali requested that the faculty read the copied Journal of Accountancy article with regards to Pathways.

Other Announcements:

Teruya indicated that starting Fall of 2015, she would no longer be the Accounting Club's advisor. Another faculty member will need to take that responsibility.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.