School of Accountancy Faculty Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2016
1:35 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Attendees: Roger Debreceny**,** Liming Guan, Boochun Jung, Thomas Pearson, Hamid Pourjalali, Jenny Teruya, Tawei Wang, Mary Woollen, David Yang, and Jian Zhou
Excused: Shirley Daniel, Cathy Manu Kaiama, John Wendell

The meeting commenced at 1:35 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:
There was no change made to the minutes (all were in favor except one abstained).

AIS Faculty Hiring needs
Pourjalali requested that Debreceny convene the Recruiting meeting for one AIS position. Debreceny agreed to make the necessary coordination with Zhou, Pearson, Jung and Daniel (other members on the Recruiting committee).

Pearson suggested that the Asian Pacific Conference in Maui this year might be a good time to interview people.

Grading issues to be addressed
-Should all faculties use plus/minus grading in Acc201 and Acc202 courses starting Fall of 2016
All were in favor, one abstained.

-Grade distribution

It was suggested that grade distribution by class and faculty be provided each Fall for the last two semesters, based on SAO existing policy.

-ACC 201/202
Pourjalali and Pearson reported on Vice Chancellor's concern for low passing rates in ACC 201 and 202. Draft a letter was provided to the faculty for discussion. Different methods are used in Community Colleges (including three instead of two introductory accounting courses and providing lab session). Use of TAs was also discussed.

Part of the difficulty with students in Acc201 and Acc202 is that they are not motivated and do not use multiple resources for them. Other options such as recording lectures and engaging students after they watch the lectures on their own time was suggested.

Possibility of changing the order of Acc201 and Acc202 was discussed and postponed to April 30th, UH-system accounting conference

Hiring an instructor to be available for students in Acc201 and Acc202 was passed.

Debreceny and Pearson will revise Pourjalali's letter to the Dean to include some of the faculty discussion.

Curriculum

-Learning objectives must be better defined and their effectiveness must be measured. Pourjalali suggested it would be good to consult with the community colleges about learning objectives, but he'd like to start discussing it now with the ACC 201 and ACC 202 committee. He will ask those from community colleges to send information of their current learning objectives to discuss with the committee before April 30th so that the school has something to propose at the system wide meeting.

-Survey the effect of capstone from current students

A survey of students in Acc460 was suggested. The objective would be to assess the success of this course. Different methods for doing this survey was suggested including using an outside professional individual, providing extra credit to students. Discussion was also centered the extent of the questions and the level of coverage (Acc460 or all accounting courses). It was suggested that the survey be postponed to fall. The SOA need to define and publish learning objectives for ACC 460.

-Continue supporting CPA-exam offering

Pourjalali suggested that the future work on CPA-exam preps be either divided among faculty members or to someone hired to provide such services. Faculty indicated their concern for not-offering these classes as the CPA passing rate continues to be low and suggested that the offerings should be continued.

The SOA faculty voted to ask that the executive office take over the future offerings or hire a person to handle CPA-exam preps.

-Provide opportunity for faculty to go to a CPA firm so they will get experience. Do this for PhD students as well?

Pourjalali suggested that PhD students and faculty who do not have work experience should be encouraged to work in a CPA firm for a while. Debreceny mentioned that sending the faculty and students to the AIS boot camp in Chicago during the month of May would be good. It has to be registered early, but it is not costly (about $500).

Pearson suggested that the SOA general fund should be used to send one PhD student and one faculty member per year. It was suggested that continued fund raising effort be done for providing databases, CPA exam preps and faculty development.

Pearson asked that the Advancement Fund committee make a list on what to spend each year. Daniel and Jung, who are on the committee, will make a list to envision what the SOA is spending, not what SOA is spending.

Outstanding Items

-Faculty members need to become more involved in Hawaii professional Accounting organizations.

-Databases- PhD committee is work on this
The committee has to choose which ones the faculty needs to vote on. There's no due date. The dean has not offered to pay for it.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.