**School of Accountancy Faculty Meeting Minutes**

**February 27, 2017**

**2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Attendees:** Roger Debreceny, Liming Guan, Boochun Jung, Manu Ka’iama, Thomas Pearson, Jenny Teruya, Mary Woollen, Jian Zhou, and Hamid Pourjalali

**Excused Absence:** David Yang, Shirley Daniel, Devan Mescall

*The meeting commenced at 2:00 p.m.*

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of January 30, 2017 was approved with minor adjustments.

1. Debreceny reported that he was planning to discuss the SOA position with two PhD students recommended by Vernon Richardson (Shidler Speaker). The SOA faculty hoped to hire at least one more faculty member in the Fall 2017, given that the SOA filled only one of its vacant positions.

2. Pourjalali and Debreceny provided their reports on Data Analytics class, CPA review offering and HARC (Hawaii Accounting Research Conference). It was suggested that Mr. Omidyar or Mr. Shidler be one of keynote speakers of HARC. David Burgstahler (2016-2017 American Accounting Association president) was also suggested as one of keynote speaker candidates. The advertisements of HARC in the following accounting association such as AAA, EAA, CAAA, and CAPANA (Chinese Accounting Professors’ Association of North America) were suggested.

3. Since the SOA will need to recommend next Director to the Dean, Pourjalali suggested that Pearson would collect faculty nominations and coordinate with Jon (Fujiwara) to complete election for the Director position before March 15th, 2017. The election result will be provided to the Dean who will determine who will be the SOA Director.

4. Pourjalali distributed the following documents:

* Document defining what the selling point of the MAcc program is
* Document from Dr. Richardson regarding how his school encourages undergraduate students to continue their education and earn a MAcc degree
* Document from Dr. Peters (the head of accounting department in the University of Arkansas) reporting his suggested final examination and grade distribution

These documents and their applicability for the SOA will be discussed in the next SOA faculty meeting

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. when MAcc Committee commenced its meeting.

MAcc Committee discussion on curriculum and recruiting MAcc students:

1. The SOA will select the top 10-20 MAcc programs (including Wake Forest University) to find out what they are offering in their curriculum.
2. The SOA will attempt to create one-credit courses for the CPA exam in the MAcc program that can be used towards MAcc degree while getting students prepared for the CPA exam. The courses will be offered through Outreach with suggestion that tuition collected and returned to the Shidler College be paid for CPA prep courses such as Becker’s or Rogers. The issue will be discussed with the Associate Dean.
3. A similar argument was made for ISACA certification such as Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)
4. A meeting with downtown professionals will be set after the SOA faculty meeting on April 24th. In this meeting, the value of MAcc and how the degree will help students to become more effective in their work after preparing and passing the CPA exam during their MAcc program, will be discussed

MAcc Committee meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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The minutes of October 17, 2016 was approved

Details of hiring process of two faculty positions were discussed.

Faculty considered strengths and weaknesses of each of the three job candidates. The concern of lack of candidate expertise in systems area was raised. A suggestion was made to hire a visitor to teach this area.The recruiting committee would meet and following Monday to decide who should be made a job offer.

Members of MAcc committee were recognized (Pourjalali will chair the committee)

BAP and AC club have invited KPMG to present an Excel worksheet workshop. The schedule date is April 4. Because of the cap, the workshop is mostly for BAP and AC members.

In Acc321 class, Jon Fujiwara would cover Excel to show how to develop a worksheet, do basic stuff, copy, cut, paste.

Seventeen (17) professionals, about 30 undergraduate and 8 master students-for-credit, and another 20 to 30 students (not-for-credit) have registered in Data Analytics offering in February. This class will not make money and is considered a service to our community and students. Pourjalali encourage the faculty to attend the class.

CPA review offerings was discussed and was suggested that just-video-coverage be adjusted and include discussion by the faculty (Duane Seabolts).

Pearson invited faculty to visit with Val Bitton who is retired Deloitte partner in Chicago. Val is willing to be a little more involved with the SOA. He can be a professional in residence through PACE, or you can be a continuing speaker each year through a professor.

The teaching of the PhD students were discussed. Both Miaochan and Jingwen taught okay, but their grading was not good. One gave so many bonus points that one made a C even without taking final. At the end many of the students ended up with “A+”. There issue did not happen the prior semester as Pourjalali controlled the grading.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.