



## Accounting Advisory Committee

Friday, May 7, 2021, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Meeting to be held on Zoom

### Meeting Minutes

**Chair/Faculty Lead Present:** Dan King

**Advisors Present:** Kendyl Prosser, Janelle VonBirgelen, and Lisa DeGoede

**Staff Present:** Lauren Hadley, Tim Wright, Dan King, Brad Fader, and Lisa Smith

#### **Welcome and Introduction**

#### **Approved the February 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

#### **Scheduled Spring Meeting - Friday, May 7, 2021 (10-11:30 a.m.)**

#### **Discussion – General Education Requirements . . . All**

- ***What do you want students to know and be able to do outside of the technical skills they learn in the program? What does critical thinking mean in the world of Accounting?***

#### ***Discussion***

- Clarify and ask questions, implement feedback in work tasks.
- Understand the importance of asking and internalizing the questions, listen to others and learn from mistakes, so motive not just to get the job done. It's OK if the answer is wrong as long as effort is put forth.
- Observation that critical thinking is a process similar to accounting – making actionable decisions without having all the answers is challenging.
- Do due diligence before asking questions, then ask.
- Make clear expectations to staff members, give them a list, advise them to take 10-15 minutes to figure out the answer, problem solve, and assess.

- A bit of research and problem solving can avoid stops, to keep you from moving forward. Excel class provided information needed to problem solve the work. Google also a tool.
- ***Can you provide specific examples or scenarios in which employees live up to expectations related to that outcome and when they do not?***
  - Identify customer needs without making judgments when dealing with a third- party accounting source -articulate customer needs. Not as easy as just wanting to check off the next task. Ties to business ethics.
  - Older coworkers cultivate moxie: you think through the answers and they are there. Accounting is much broader than what we consider financial accounting – division supports 100% overhead function and efficiency. Finance involves a lot of very necessary critical thinking.
  - Integrity, Ethics and efficiency work hand in hand.
  - Integrity is speaking up if deadline expectations are not realistic. When employees, don't speak up, it negatively impacts the team.
  - Communication should summarize the message thoughtfully. The platforms of communication have changed with Covid culture.
- ***Brigid Nulty – Questions to Committee Members***
  - Raised the question: Would Philosophy, or other course disciplines from SCC attract students, be sufficient for an Associates degree in Accounting?
  - Educate students with ways to interact in the workplace -a great way to practice interpersonal and intercultural skills.
  - Examples of what Shoreline already has to draw from.
- ***Discussion Answers***
  - Question asked : How do we know without taking the class, that it's the kind of critical thinking we're looking for?
  - Classes like Engineering that involve student teams working together to come up with strategic goals, and pulling strengths from the different students from different backgrounds, majoring in different departments, etc.
  - What will Ethics classes look like? WA state Law? Business Ethics? Philosophy? Ex. Work ethic vs. saving money, should the engine be recalled? It costs less to be sued for death or injury, than to recall.
  - Multiculturalism class appreciated- it can apply to many different fields. Individual have very different styles, backgrounds, and ideas that benefit the group.
  - Suggestion: Essentially, communicate with people who think differently -get out of the bubble

***College and Program Updates .....Dan & Dean Representative***

***Tim Wright: We are slowly moving back on the campus:***

- A few on campus courses will be added Summer Quarter, less than 50 classes back Fall Quarter -social distancing and masks required -the change will be gradual.
- Construction will start on new allied health building sometime in August, and 2500 that housed Dental Hygiene and Manufacturing is coming down.
- Big News: the current President's (Dr. Cheryl Roberts) contract ends June, 2021. She originally announced a June 2022 retirement date.

***Next Meeting: October 29, 2021, (10:00 – 11:30 a.m.)***

***Adjourn***