



Accounting Advisory Committee

Friday, May 8, 2020, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Online via Zoom

MINUTES

Advisors Present: Lisa DeGoede, Lake Washington Partners
Kendyl Prosser, Deloitte Touche

Staff Present: Dan King, Faculty
Brad Fader, Faculty
Lauren Hadley, Director of Employer Engagement
Kyle Winslow, Acting Associate Dean, Business & PE

Welcome and Introductions – As the meeting was getting started, members discussed working from home, the unemployment rate, and the unique position of accounting jobs being able to work from home.

Approval of Minutes – The February 14, 2020 minutes were approved.

BIDA Degree and Two-credit Excel course – Kyle presented the two-credit Excel class. Students who come to campus with no Excel experience can take a two-credit hybrid Excel course to catch up. The committee members confirmed that a course like this is a good offering for those that need it. Fall and Spring were identified as the best quarters to offer the course.

Kyle presented the updated Business Technology Degree courses. The new degree will be called Business Intelligence and Data Analytics (BIDA). Advanced excel, SQL for Data Analytics, Business Intelligence, Data Analytics, Data Visualization, Market Research, and Systems Thinking courses were presented as part of the BIDA degree. Courses developed came directly from industry feedback during advisory committees and a mini-DACUM. Courses are also meant to enhance other degree coursework as electives.

Kyle also signed an MOU for the BAS at CWU for accounting student to transfer and get their four-year degree. She is also working on an articulation with North Seattle College.

Continuing Discussion – Software Review – Students currently take Quickbooks, Word, and Excel with electives in Access, powerpoint, and outlook. Dan asked the committee if the program should be looking at other software. The committee liked the data analytics offerings from the BIDA degree. Dan will email suggestions to the committee for courses from the BIDA degree that could be electives for accounting.

New Business – Dan asked about the impact of COVID-19 on industry. Everything has moved online. Lake Washington Partners has tentative plans to return to work June 1* with staggered shifts, more work from home options, and PPE. Deloitte has not been given a date to return but will align with other leaders like Amazon and Microsoft. Deloitte is still offering their internship program.

Kyle gave an update on the college moving to online learning. Summer and Fall are online with a possibility of synchronous options for students.

Next Meeting – The next meeting was scheduled for October 2, 2020 from 10 – 11:30 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00.

*When minutes were approved Lake Washington Partners had not returned to face to face offices.