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TO: Susan Kalter, Chairperson, Academic Senate
FROM: Robert Quinlan Chair, Graduate Curriculum Committee
RE: Executive Summary – Proposal from the Department of Accounting for a New Forensic Accountant Graduate Certificate

The Graduate Curriculum Committee approved and is forwarding for Academic Senate consideration the attached proposal to add a new Forensic Accountant Graduate Certificate.

The Department of Accounting provided a clear description and rationale for this certificate:

- This certificate is designed to provide additional credentials for individuals who desire to cross-train into a new field or enhance their skills within their current field. Stackable credentials or modular education continue to grow in importance in Business disciplines around the United States and worldwide.
- The certificate provides exposure to issues related to accounting fraud. Understanding the theory of accounting fraud; the application of tools and procedures to detect and correct accounting fraud is a major part of this certificate.
- In addition, students who have graduated with a BSMPA or MS in Accounting need continuing education credits. The courses in this certificate could fill that need.

The Graduate Curriculum Committee supports the proposal to add the new Forensic Accountant Graduate Certificate.

Attachments

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