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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 IS Audit & Control Specialist Graduate Certificate

The Graduate Curriculum Committee approved and is forwarding for Academic Senate consideration the attached proposal to add a new IS Audit & Control Specialist 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 the management of electronic commerce including eBusiness models, the IT industry, emerging trends and channel management. In addition, information systems project development and management while using the systems development life cycle will be explored. Finally, cybersecurity and information systems auditing are the final components of the certificate.
- Based on interactions with employers, BIS Advisory Board members, Accounting Department Advisory Board members, etc., the Business Information Systems program faculty have discovered a need for IS\IT professionals with various academic backgrounds to become certified in IS\IT. This certificate will help meet that need.
- The target audience for this certificate is existing MBA students and existing or recently graduated BSMPA and MSA accounting students. This certificate also targets working IS\IT professionals without IS\IT academic credentials. In addition, working graduates who wish to cross-train into IS\IT careers would find this certificate valuable.

The Graduate Curriculum Committee supports the proposal to add the new IS Audit & Control Specialist Graduate Certificate.

Attachments

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