

<p>Topic:</p>	<p>a large number of customers in the education market. They also have customers in affordable housing (HUD, etc.) They have clients all over, for example, in Washington, DC, Florida, and Marquette. They have a product called Go To Meeting that allows them to “trade” computers with their clients. They can look and see what they are doing, without having to physically be there.</p> <p>Program Updates The LCC University Center opens in January 2008. Ferris State University will offer a 3 + 1 program allowing a student to earn a bachelor’s degree by taking 3 years of credits at LCC and 1 year of credits through Ferris. The student would take the Ferris classes either online or at the LCC University Center. This curriculum would qualify students to take the CPA exam.</p> <p>We have moved along with our Action Plan for communicating with students. We have purchased two bulletin boards for our Accounting Lab so that we can post information about the Accounting program and other information such as job postings.</p> <p>The sub-committee that is working on the survey of students has had a very difficult time being able to meet. Therefore, this topic was deferred to the next Accounting Advisory Committee meeting.</p> <p>The Fraud Prevention and Detection course with instructor Erik Lindquist has been run as a Special Topics course (ACCG 102) in the past. This is in process to be changed to a regular course (ACCG 292). This course helps prepare students to take the Certified Fraud Examiner exam.</p> <p>A CPAR has been submitted regarding math prerequisites on Accounting courses. We have found that if we place these math prerequisites on our courses, they are very hard to waive. This requirement seems to be turning our students away.</p> <p>Erik Lindquist spoke to the Accounting Club regarding fraud in Health Care. The next Accounting Club speaker will be Paula Reichle.</p>
<p>Topic:</p>	<p>For the non-CPA-bound student, what credentials would count most in hiring? The Committee was asked among the paraprofessionals/clerical group of students, (bookkeepers, payroll clerks) what degrees or certifications do you feel they need to be attractive to employers?</p>

	<p>These are students who will probably never earn a Bachelor's degree. The Committee responded that they feel students should get the payroll certification. It was also mentioned that they should get an EA (Enrolled Agent). Another suggestion was to obtain an ABA (Accredited Business Accountant) through the NSA. Microsoft IT certifications are not a bad idea either depending on what you want to do. They prove that you can pass a test and that you applied yourself. If an applicant states they have certification, make sure you obtain a copy of it. Quickbooks and Peachtree have certifications too. These would be a nice plus for an applicant, but not necessarily a requirement. Knowledge of HR, sales tax and use taxes are assets also. It was stated that a new hire should have logic, common sense and reason.</p>
Topic:	<p>Computer Auditor curriculum – John Suckow The MAIT department has come to us saying that they really do not want to handle the Computer Auditor curriculum anymore, mainly because they do not have an advisor for it. This is a curriculum that is 99% used by the Auditor General's office (for technical audits) for people already working at the Auditor General's. Approximately only 2 – 3 students a year take this curriculum. The Committee discussed after looking at the curriculum guide, that only 20 out of 70 of the credits are accounting classes. Most of the credits in the guide are computer classes. A suggestion was made to state on the curriculum guide that it is a degree specifically for the Auditor General's office. The Committee recommended that the MAIT department keep it. Trudy stated she would find them an advisor for it.</p>
Topic:	<p>Should we be involved in an Insurance curriculum? We currently offer one insurance course, "Principles of Risk and Insurance". What other courses would we offer? Should we even get involved? The Committee said that this has potential, but not really in the accounting area. This is a specialty area. There are several insurance agencies in the area such as Jackson National Life, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Auto Owners, and Citizens Insurance. There would be several jobs as Risk Managers, Claims Processors, etc. This topic was deferred to the next Accounting Advisory Committee meeting.</p>
Topic:	<p>Seasonal, temporary, and/or part-time entry-level jobs Trudy asked the Committee to keep an eye out for these types of jobs for our students.</p>

Topic	Next Meeting Topics Insurance Curriculum Student Survey General Update on Action Plans
Next Meeting Date:	February 1, 2008 from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m., location TBD.