REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE
Proposal to Create an Information Systems and Audit Control Minor in the College of Business

University Senate Academic Policies Committee

Brief History of the Issue

Accounting majors and information systems majors could take advantage of many career opportunities available to students with specific background in each field. There are also specific certifications open to CPAs, such as Certified Information Systems Auditor, that are expected to increase in importance over our students’ careers. Currently, UWEC accounting majors lack specific types of technical information systems knowledge required to succeed in the electronic audit field; similarly, information systems majors lack needed accounting knowledge. This minor would remedy both deficiencies. It complies with the requirements set by ISACA (Information Systems Audit and Control Association), a leading academic society that advocates for educational programs in this area. The proposed minor does not overlap existing major, minor or certificate programs available elsewhere on campus; indeed, an Internet search indicates there are no such programs in the Upper Midwest to serve this high-demand area. A minimum of 12 credits of content is new to each major (for example, there are at least 12 credits of information systems in this minor that accounting students would otherwise not take).

Points Discussed by Committee:

- Use of existing courses vs. developing new courses
- Relative need for the proposed minor compared to existing minors
- Impact on time-to-degree

Pros:

- Provides visible competencies in specific fields not currently attainable within the undergraduate
- Diversifies choices available to majors in the College of Business
- Prepares students for professional certifications thus increasing their employability when graduated

Cons:

- None

MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The University Academic Policies Committee by a vote of 9 votes for and 0 votes against, recommends to the University Senate that an Information Systems and Audit Control Minor be created in the College of Business.

Implementation Date: On approval
Dr. Robert E. Hollon, chair, on behalf of the
University Senate Academic Policies Committee