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To: Kenneth Barish, Chair of the Assembly of the Academic Senate
and Cherysa Cortez, Executive Director of the UCR Academic Senate

From: Kinnari Atit, Ph.D., Faculty Chair of the School of Education Executive Committee

Subject: SOE Feedback on the Proposal for the Accountancy Undergraduate Major

The SOE Executive Committee reviewed the Proposal for the Accountancy Undergraduate Major. Comments/feedback were solicited at our executive committee meeting and via email.

- There is no mention of AI in the proposal. We do think as AI is changing the nature of accountancy as a profession, the explicit integration of coursework that focus on AI in accountancy is necessary as part of the major. We are sure that existing business courses may be integrating AI into their curriculum, however, making it explicit would only make students more competitive and the major more attractive.
- Item 9 (p. 5): We do not see documentation showing that the departments listed have been consulted. The letters of support are not sufficient for documenting consultation with departments. Can letters from faculty teaching the relevant courses in those departments also be included in the proposal?
- Item 10 (p. 6) lists "1 additional faculty." Can you also please list existing faculty that would teach in this program?

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Sincerely,



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