

1st SBM UG Programs Student Representative Committee Meeting 2011/12

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Complete <u>after</u> meeting Main points covered in meeting	
Brief outline of discussion point (include reference from agenda)	Action/Response
Update of the 4-year curriculum Issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Double cohort admission - Promotion in Alma mater - Business breadth requirement, already in practice - Exchange-out studies, 1 more semester to choose, year 3 fall term for students under 3-year curriculum and year 4 fall term for those under 4-Year curriculum. 	
SBMT1111 Business Cohort Induction Program Issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to keep year 2 students engaged? - How can we incentivize cohort participants? - Peer mentors don't receive sufficient trainings. - The mentor/mentee bonding is quite loose. - Cohort chiefs reflected that cohort duties were quite heavy. - Activities sometimes do not serve their objectives. 	Actions by SBM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cohort leaders can be increased through "Cohort Leader Recruitment" scheme in order to share the cohort duties. - Establish signature event/culture.
Minor in Environmental Management Issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IPO proposes to SBM the captioned program that the student representatives do not show interest in. 	
Enhance interactions between Business and Science & Engineering students Issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students can join Weekly English conversation groups organized by Language Centre. 	Actions by SBM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More frequent tea-gatherings and make it jointly-organized by three schools
Business cards Issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It makes students looked more professional during networking - Some student representatives suggested to do it by their own as it can be easily ordered online and does not cost much, less than \$50 for 300 cards. 	
Course registration Issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is reflected that the exchange-in students have privileges over the locals on course enrolling e.g. 	Actions by SBM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will try to understand this issue from the department of Economics

<p>ECON 4474 Hong Kong's Economy</p>	<p>Response by the Econ department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Per Ms. Leonna Tong, the Inter-departmental Liaison Person, with the department of Economics, the arrangement of giving exchange-in students priority to enrol in a particular course, ECON 4474, was made by the subject lecturer, Prof. Francis Lui. Prof. Lui decided to give "extra quota" and put the inbound students who major in Economics or who did not have other choice of courses on the top of the waiting list after the regular quota of this course was fully filled up by UST Econ major students. <p>For further questions, students can approach Ms. Leonna.</p>
<p>Rescheduling of two Accounting courses Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ACCT 4410 Taxation and ACCT 4510 Auditing, which are offered in year 3 fall term and year 3 spring term respectively, are suggested to offer to students in their year 2 instead. It will help Accounting students to better prepare for job interviews in fall term of their final year. 	<p>Actions by SBM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The issue will be brought up to the attention of the department of Accounting. <p>Response by the Accounting department about <u>taxation course</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Response was made by Prof. Kevin Chen, the Head of Accounting Department, that students with good CGA (e.g. B+) would be allowed to take Taxation course in their year 2. <p>However, Ms. Swallow Wei, the Inter-departmental Liaison Person, added that students were required to have pre-requisite knowledge: Intermediate Accounting II to take Taxation course. This issue was also discussed in a meeting earlier, it was concluded that Taxation course would be held in fall term of year 3.</p> <p>Response by the Accounting department about <u>auditing course</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Response was made by Prof. Kevin Chen that auditing course is required an understanding of both Intermediate Accounting I and II. It is too early for students to take in year 2. <p>Prof. Tedmond Tang, Accounting UG Programs Coordinator, supplemented that auditing is a very professional and technical subject. It requires solid background knowledge in Financial Accounting I and II and also some knowledge in Advanced Financial Accounting. Thus, auditing course is not suitable to offer to year 2</p>

	accounting students.
<p>New business campus</p> <p>Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can more information be disclosed? Say, facilities and canteen <p>Updated information can be obtained from “Highlights” shown on the website of Business School http://www.bm.ust.hk/</p>	
<p>Career workshops and seminars</p> <p>Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The majority of student representatives prefer to have career related workshops and seminars held after classes on the weekdays, like from 7:30 p.m. rather than in the daytime of Saturday. 	

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