MIS Advisory Council Activities

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The 2014-2015 Academic year has been a busy year for the MIS Advisory Board. During the Fall 2014 semester we met with each of the candidates interviewed for the new Business Analytics position, spoke at several classes, participated in the MILE program, held several advisory board lunches, met with the AMIS chapter and held our annual fall meeting on November 14th.

The Spring semester brought several new events to the Advisory Board. Those included a social with Dr. David Rudd, new UoM President, the first-ever “lightening talks” program, participating in the Department’s name change to Business and Information Technology (BIT) and again participation in several undergraduate and graduate classes. Lastly we held our Spring Advisory Board meeting on May 1st and made the following awards:

Student Scholarships: Rena Gatewood and Devin Doole
Outstanding Faculty: Judy Simon

Welcome!
Dr. Naveen Kumar has joined us as an Assistant Professor. He has many years of research experience in data analytics and information systems. He was previously a business analytics researcher/consultant at Intel. His research interests are in business analytics with a focus on statistical and data mining methods for contemporary big data applications in information systems and healthcare. His recent research interest includes development of analytical methods to empower and proactively help decision-makers accomplish their information goals by providing real-time context based assistance across multiple devices. From the business decision-making perspective, this methodology provides decision-makers with the ability to browse their information in a variety of ways, find information by context, visually explore any complex information, and make effective business decisions in a timely manner.

Research Publications


*New Name: Business Information and Technology*

Effective with the beginning of the Fall 2015 semester, the MIS Department name becomes Business Information and Technology (BIT).
Research Publications, continued


Research Grants

Judy Simon is completing a two-year National Science Foundation (NSF) grant in August 2015 on Women in Cyber Security. She studied two groups of females who participated in training events at conferences funded by NSF (high school students and college students). Results will be published after final review and approval from NSF.

Faculty Honors/Awards/Recognitions

Bill Kettinger, Chair of Excellence and Professor, received the Best Paper Award at the Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS) for his paper entitled, "Late to the Game: Assessing IT Integration Risk After the Acquisition Target has Been Identified." The paper was co-authored by Stefan Hemmingsson of the Copenhagen Business School.

Brian Janz, professor of MIS, and Ernie Nichols, associate professor of Supply Chain Management, received the 2014 Society of Information Management Best Paper Award for their paper "Re-Visioning IT for Value: The Value Stream Initiative at Buckman." This paper was co-authored with Tim Meek, Buckman CIO, and John Oglesby, Buckman director of Corporate Systems and IT Governance.

Thomas Stafford, professor of MIS, was appointed to the position of editor for Decision Sciences Journal (DSJ), a premier-level business research journal focused on quantitative aspects of business decision-making.

Judy Simon, professor of MIS, received the FCBE George Johnson Fellow Award in the "Service" category in May 2015 for serving as one of two directors of the University of Memphis Center for Information Assurance, her role on the advisory board of the Complete Professional Program, and being champion of the University's Annual Giving Campaign.

Brian Janz, professor of MIS, received the Schulze Award for his article "After the Big Idea: Entrepreneurial Success through High Performance Start-Up Teams" in Spring 2015. It was published in conjunction with the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Exchange (EIX).

New Faculty Assignments

Sandra Richardson: Masters Program Director
Margaret Schultz: Undergraduate Internship Supervisor
Chen Zhang: PhD Program Director
Graduate Program News

PhD Program

Three of our PhD students are completing their degree programs and have obtained teaching positions starting in the Fall 2015:

**Deepti Agrawal** will be a tenure-track Assistant Professor at The College of Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina.

**Jeff Kaleta** has accepted a tenure-track Assistant Professorship at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Georgia.

**Jignya Patel** will begin her new career as an Assistant Professor at Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, Florida.

New PhD Students

We are welcoming three new PhD students to our program:

- He Li
- Zhenya Tang
- Sungjin Yoo

Graduate Certificate Programs

The number of graduate certificates offered through our department continues to increase. Current graduate certificate programs, listed alphabetically, are:

- Business Information Assurance
- Business Intelligence and Analytics
- Business Project Management
- Software Testing

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Undergraduate Students

Student Organization

Brian Janz and Margaret Shultz continue to serve as faculty mentors for our AMIS chapter. The chapter continues to increase student involvement. One recent unique event involved “table talks” involving faculty who gave brief presentations about their research and teaching interests, with students able to ask a wide variety of questions.

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