1. ACC Curriculum Issues

The committee reviewed four curriculum change proposals from the School of Accountancy:

   a. **ACC 321** – Description Change
   b. **ACC 322** – Description Change
   c. **ACC 421** – Description Change
   d. **ACC 505** – Description Change

The changes for 321, 322, and 421 are inter-related in that the description changes for each are the result of some shifting of course content/coverage between the three courses. ACC 505 was revised to allow the course description to better reflect what is covered in the course. After discussion, the committee voted unanimously to approve the four changes.

2. IDS Curriculum Issues

The Information and Decision Systems (IDS) department is changing its name to the Management Information Systems (MIS) department. Hence, the committee reviewed a curriculum change to make all existing IDS courses MIS courses. Sandi Williams explained that the Business Advising Center will work with students and with all published materials to ensure that students are not confused by the change. After brief discussion, the committee voted unanimously to approve the change.

The committee reviewed a proposal to change the rubric and course number of Introduction to Operations Management from IDS 302 to BA 360. This proposal was approved by the IDS department supported by the logic that as a required core course, designating the course as a “BA” (Business Administration) course rather than a departmental course would signal to students that it is part of a common body of business knowledge. The Undergraduate Committee discussed the specific proposed change but more broadly discussed whether such a change made sense in isolation or would be better considered as part of a comprehensive package that designated all prep and core courses in the college as “BA” hence reinforcing the concept of a common body of essential business knowledge. The committee unanimously agreed that such a
change, if it were to occur, should take place for all prep and core rather than for a single course. The UG Committee generally favored a change to all prep (within the CBA) and all core becoming BA courses for the following reasons:

- Such an approach sends an important message to students and faculty alike that there is a common body of essential business knowledge that all BSBA students are responsible for.
- Such an approach may potentially lay the groundwork for better integration of core business knowledge somewhere down the road.
- Such an approach parallels the approach used in the MBA program.

It was recognized, on the other hand, that such a change might produce confusion amongst students and would require a strong and clear plan for assigning course management responsibilities such as scheduling, petitioning, and instructor evaluation for the prep and core courses. It was agreed that the idea of such a comprehensive change should be presented to all departments within the College of Business in an effort to garner feedback and input. Krentler agreed to present the concept to an Executive Committee meeting in order to begin the process of obtaining such input. The proposal to change IDS 302 to BA 360 was tabled until such time that a decision is made regarding the broader issue of making a comprehensive change.

3. Pre-Major Change Requirements

Sandi Williams introduced a discussion regarding a change in the existing requirements for changing to the pre-business major. Currently students may switch to pre-business from outside the College of Business Administration as follows:

- Students with 1 - 29 units completed must have a minimum of a 2.0 GPA.
- Students with 30 – 59 units completed must have a minimum of a 2.7 GPA.
- Students with 60 units or more completed must have a minimum of a 2.9 GPA.

Sandi presented evidence to the committee suggesting that these existing standards are too low to allow many students to switch into pre-business and then successfully raise their GPA to the level that would allow them to declare upper-division in a timely manner. Hence, it is not uncommon for a student to transfer into pre-business and then ultimately be removed from the college because it is determined that they will never be able to successfully declare upper-division.

The Business Advising Center recommends the following change to requirements for changing to the pre-business major:

- Students with less than 12 units completed cannot switch to pre-business.
- Students with 12 – 29 units completed must have a minimum of a 2.0 GPA.
- Students with 30 – 45 units completed must have a minimum of a 2.7 GPA.
Students with 46 or more units completed must have a minimum of a 2.9 GPA.

Because this change affects the pre-major and is not stated in the university catalog, it does not require a formal curriculum action. The Undergraduate Committee, however, voted unanimously to support the change and encouraged the Business Advising Center to proceed with implementation.

Meeting adjourned 10:30 a.m.
This was the last meeting of the 2009-2010 Academic year.