

**THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT**

1st SBM UG Student Representative Meeting 2015/16

Confirmed Minutes

Date and time of meeting:	Oct 15, 2015, 6:40-7:37pm
Minutes Prepared by:	Vivian Chu
Attendance of SBM UG Programs Office:	Emily Nason and Vivian Chu
CUP Faculty Members	Nil
Attendance of UG Student Representatives:	Alex Valet, Calvin Ho, Cici Yang, Dominic Ho, Edward So, Gary Yu, Heron Yan, Jason Tang, John Szto, Kenson Wong, Kristy Lau, LH Fung, Lyle Li, Sam Lau, Sonalika Mannimala, Sunny Ng, Sylvester Miao, Tiffany Wong, Wendy Ki
Absence with Apologies:	Henry Chow and Libby Wu

1. Updates from SBM

1a. Major Selection Exercise 2015-16

There would be changes on the first major selection exercise for the cohort of 2015-16. The changes were on the selection time-line, eligibility of applicants, quota of each major, etc. This new arrangement was to allow more flexibility for students to declare their major once they were ready. Since students would be able to choose a major by the end of the 3rd term, the study pathways of business required courses have been re-arranged and were different from before and some program requirements for major selection was changed as well. For example, course grade of ACCT2010 and ECON2103 (or ECON2123) was considered for selecting Accounting and Economics respectively, instead of an average grade of ACCT2010 & ACCT2200 and ECON2103/ECON2113 & ECON2123.

1b. Hybrid Program-based and School-based Admission for 2016 Intake

It would be the first time to introduce a hybrid program-based and school-based admission for the cohort of 2015-16. About this new admission type, the Chair answered members' enquiries one by one:

- i. about the admission quota, it would be evenly distributed to both program and school-based, but adjustment could be made if needed;
- ii. intake score of school-based applicants would not be lower than the lowest intake score of the program-based applicants; and
- iii. like those admitted through school-based, students admitted through program-based could join major selection exercise to select their major again.

In the meeting, members had various concerns. First, they were worried that if there was fixed program quota for this cohort, there would be fewer quotas left for the remaining two terms after their selection in the first term. The Chair clarified that program quota would be maintained similar in each year so that students would not be worse off if they get admitted through School-based admission and they would have similar chance in getting into majors like Program-based students .

Next, for students who got credit transferred for courses used for major selection, their pre-admission qualifications would be considered.

Last, about second major selection, the exercise time-line had not yet been confirmed. It could be conducted once a year after spring term. Updated information would be announced once confirmed.

1c. Update of the Current Dean of SBM

Our current Dean would be promoted to Senior Advisor to the President on 1st April 2016. We might have an Acting Dean. The Committee would be updated if more info was available.

2. Discussion Items

2a. Additional Major in Non-SBM Programs

In 4-Year curriculum, students were allowed to take cross-school majors. There were no common guidelines for admission to programs as programs could have their own discretion and usual practice. Based on the current overloading policy at SBM, It was proposed that a business student should attain a CGA of 3.3 or above in order to apply. However, an additional program with similar nature to their major would not be recommended. Next, in view of such change, dual degree students might also be allowed to pursue a particular business major, instead of just a general degree in GBM.

2b. Formation of Sub-committees

Below please find the new sub-committees and members:

- i. Junior Students Engagement (Cohorts) - Calvin Ho, Dominic Ho, Kristy Lau, John Szto, Kenson Wong and Heron Yan
- ii. Cross-school Additional Major - Sunny Ng and Jason Tang
- iii. LSK Facility Enhancement - Wendy Ki and Gary Yu
- iv. Senior Student Engagement - LH Fung, Sam Lau, Lyle Li Alex Valet and Cici Yang

Members who were absent from the meeting or left early could approach Vivian if they were interested in joining any of the sub-committees.

3. A.O.B.

3a. Class streaming of ACCT2010

Members proposed again the class streaming for ACCT2010 which was discussed in our past meetings. To give a clearer picture, our Office would try to get more statistics on this issue and follow up with Accounting Department.

Post-meeting notes:

In the 5th SBM UG Student Representative Meeting 2014/15, Prof. Kelvin Mak illustrated the reasons of not streaming ACCT2010 into different classes according to their accounting backgrounds:

- i. The department did not want to raise a red flag on whether some students were not up to standard and confuse the HKICPA while doing accreditation.
- ii. Accounting was not rocket science. Students could handle it if they spent time on studying. It might be more of psychological issue/barrier.
- iii. Even though there was no class streaming, a number of students without ACCT background topped the class that was also proved by a few members in this committee.

Some members suggested giving more tutorials to the students who struggled in the course.