



Chair, FCL and HCoB Curriculum Committee

Nov. 13, 2020

Re: Proposed MSc Fin program

Chair DeMello and College Curriculum Committee,

The Accountancy Department is in full support of the proposed Master of Science in Finance program as proposed by the Finance and Commercial Law Department. The program will increase the offerings of specialized master's programs when the demand for stronger quantitative skills are needed in many areas of business, but especially in the field of finance. The program covers several different avenues of study for potential students, providing them career options within the finance arena.

The program does have built in course electives or options. The Accountancy Department has courses that are a natural fit for students in the MScFin program. The Accountancy Department offers ACTY 6110 Managerial Accounting and ACTY 6280 Financial Statement Analysis, both applied tools and a theoretical background meeting the need of advanced finance students. Many other courses from Accountancy may be good fits as well. Our MSA students will also benefit from the regular offering of the MScFin courses as possible electives.

The Accountancy Department, therefore, fully supports the proposed MScFin program and looks forward to its successful implementation.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James Penner".

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