

Brothers, Sheila C

From: Bratten, Brian
Sent: Friday, April 16, 2010 10:27 AM
To: Brothers, Sheila C
Cc: Ziebart, Dave
Subject: Request for Common Exam Time for ACC 301 Sections 001-003, Fall 2010

Dear Sheila,

Good morning. I am requesting the Senate Council approve a common final examination for my 3 sections of ACC 301: Intermediate Accounting I, in the Fall of 2010 (Specifically, sections 001, 002, and 003).

Last Fall I taught 3 sections (the only 3 sections) of this course. There was combined initial enrollment of over 150 students, and 128 students took the final exam, which were on 3 separate days. With this material, it is difficult to ensure comparability and fairness when designing multiple versions. However, to reduce the likelihood of discussion between sections impacting the scores, I created 4 versions of the final exam. Unfortunately, I received information and confirmation of discussion between the exam times, which included both identification of multiple choice questions and details of lengthy workout problems which were developed for earlier versions.

This is a challenging course and the first upper-level majors requirement in financial accounting for Accounting majors. Incentives to get an edge for marginal students are high. Establishing a common exam for these sections would reduce the opportunity and help ensure fairness amongst the enrolled students. The Director of the School of Accountancy, Professor Dave Ziebart, supports this initiative.

I appreciate your assistance.

-Brian.

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