ACM Education Board
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Status update on the MSIS 2016 project
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- Goal of the project: Review and revise the graduate level model curriculum in Information Systems (current version MSIS 2006)
- Key milestones so far:
  - December 2012 – August 2013: Preliminary task force to determine the need for a revision
  - Fall 2013 – Spring 2014: Decisions by ACM and AIS to fund a three-year project (FY 14-15, 15-16, and 16-17)
  - March 2014: Selection of ACM/AIS joint task force ACM co-chair (Heikki Topi, Bentley University)
  - July 2014: Selection of ACM/AIS joint task force AIS co-chair (Eija Karsten, Åbo Academy University, Turku, Finland)
  - August – October 2014: Nomination/application –based process for determining the remaining members of the task force
  - November 2014: Task force members approved by both ACM and AIS
    - ACM: Brian Donnellan, National University of Ireland, Maynooth; Jun Shen, University of Wollengong; Mark Thouin, University of Texas at Dallas
    - AIS: Sue Brown; University of Arizona; Bernard Tan, National University of Singapore; João Carvalho, Universidade do Minho, Portugal

- Key elements of the planned overall schedule:
  - January – April 2015
    - Task force work on core principles
    - Seeking for IRB approval for the surveys
    - Collection of stakeholder (program director, faculty, employer, student, and alumni) survey data
  - April - May 2015
    - Initial analysis of the survey data
    - First face-to-face meeting of the task force (Amsterdam April 24-25, 2015)
    - Writing the first, incomplete, curriculum draft outlining the key principles for public review
    - Making the draft available for review and comments (end of May 2015)
  - June – July 2015
    - Comment period closes at the end of June 2015
    - Further analysis of the survey results
    - Analysis of the comments by the members of IS community
    - Writing section drafts and revising them based on initial task force comments
  - August – November 2015
    - Integrating the work into the first full draft of MSIS 2016
  - December 2015 – January 2016
    - Second face-to-face meeting of the task force (in the context of ICIS 2015)
    - Finalizing the first full draft
    - Making the first full draft available for public comments (December 2015)
February – May 2016
• Task force work on the final draft
• Final draft made available for public comments (end of May 2016)

June – August 2016
• Processing the comments on the final draft
• Final face-to-face meeting of the task force (August 2016); finalizing the document

September 2016
• Submitting the final version for approval to ACM and AIS

October 2016 – November 2016
• Revision and approval processes with ACM and AIS

December 2016
• MSIS 2016 launched

• Funding need for FY 2015-16 (and expected also for FY 2016-17)
  o Original request: $8,000 (assumption: three U.S. members, one international, meeting in the U.S.)
  o Revised request: $10,000
    ▪ two U.S. members, one member from Ireland, one member from Australia
    ▪ one face-to-face meeting (2 x $1,500 + 1 * 2,000 + 1 * 3,000)
    ▪ $2,000 for supporting task force member’s participation in conferences for data collection (e.g., panels) and dissemination of results