MIM Committee

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Committee Report

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Present committee members: Taverekere Srikantaiah (voting), Kathy Weaver (voting), Jeff Waters (voting), Vanessa Frias - Martinez (voting), Adam Kriesberg (voting),Namrata Walanj (voting), Tetyana Bezbabna (voting), Lindsay Sarin (non-voting)

Absent committee members: Brian Butler (non-voting), Phil Piety (voting),

1. INST 728L – Research in Advanced Digital Curation – conversion to permanent course
2. INFM 612 – Management of Information Programs and Services – course name change
3. INST xxx – Hands on Machine Learning with Weka – new course proposal
4. MIM Core Course Content Consistency
5. Capstone Waiver – Exam questions
6. MIM 2017-2018 Initiatives
7. MIM Thesis Policy
8. MIM Specializations

The MIM Committee discussed, voted on, and approved the following:

1. INST 728L – *Research in Advanced Digital Curation* – conversion to permanent course
2. INFM 612 – *Management of Information Programs and Services* – course name change to *Management Concept and Principles for Information Professionals*
3. INST xxx – Hands on Machine Learning with Weka – new course proposal
4. TBD
5. Capstone Project (INFM 736 and INFM 737) waiver – exam questions

2017-2018 MIM Program Initiatives:

1. Program Branding
   a. Increase MIM program attractiveness in the information management industry, driving the companies to:
      i. Hire MIM students (who our MIM students are? What they can do and what they can be? Why they are competitive?
      ii. Partner with the MIM program (who we are? How our partners can benefit working with us?)
2. MIM Program Learning Outcomes for students
   a. Define skills/knowledge MIM students have to know/have prior to graduating
3. MIM membership in the local chapters of Information Management groups/associations (e.g. Society for Information Management DC Chapter)

Committee members have volunteered to work on individual MIM initiatives. They will briefly update the MIM Committee group on progress being made within their assigned initiatives at every committee meeting.

Thesis Policy

The MIM Committee discussed its current thesis policy content. Policy content changes were suggested. Those will be added to the policy and presented to the committee in its December meeting for a required vote.

MIM Specializations

The MIM Committee has discussed a possibility of retiring all existing MIM Specializations, and replacing them with MIM Knowledge Ares in Data Analytics, Strategic Information, Technology Development, User Experience.

MIM Specializations are not formal and are not listed in student diploma. Specializations help MIM to group its existing courses by different areas of interest. MIM Specializations have caused several confusions for MIM students. Rather than thinking of specializations as a list of suggested courses based on a particular area of educational and career interest, students are taking specialization courses as program's mandatory requirements (and then trying to waive the courses, that are not mandatory in a first place, they already have experience in). Trying to follow specialization coursework, students tend to also miss the courses they are interested in taking just because those aren't included in a given specialization. To avoid such confusions, the MIM Program proposed to retire all current MIM Specializations and use Knowledge Areas instead as our way to group all existing courses by specific information management aspects.