**EABC Meeting**

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- One of the goals of the student committee is to get members from various “years” to better facilitate succession planning
- The team has been told that they cannot accept deposits, only full payments. We will be looking into this for them

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• Students are forming a BA Club with Gautam Ray as their faculty advisor.  
• The first section of 4110 Data Engineering for Business Analytics, filled in 24 hours; a second section was added. 95 students have registered.  
• Interest in the minor is coming from all areas of Carlson with the majority from MIS and Marketing (per Anny Lin in conversation with other advisors)  
• Zach suggested facilitating a double major in MIS and BA.  
• Anny Lin distributed sample plans for a BA Minor; here is the link [https://carlsonschool.umn.edu/degrees/undergraduate/majors-and-minors/business-analytics](https://carlsonschool.umn.edu/degrees/undergraduate/majors-and-minors/business-analytics). |
| 50 Year Anniversary | • Dates for the 50 year anniversary celebration of the start of MIS (started at the U of M) are May 30 – June 2, 2018.  
• A committee is currently working on it now; they will want a corporate and will come to the EABC for this; we will hopefully have details by our August planning meeting. |
| Brief Committee Updates | • Reports from 2016-17 Committees  
  • CoMIS – Tim Boos  
    See update above and discussion recap below.  
  • Corporate Engagement – Mike Mcfarlane  
    Thanks to the work of Kevin Kuhn and the committee progress was made against each of their 4 goals. There is now a PowerPoint deck describing levels of engagement for companies; they took an inventory of how faculty are engaged with corporate partners (this will not be released due to Intellectual Property issues); there are 6 companies Kevin et al have met with and are at various stages of starting projects (Medtronic, Optum, 3M, Buffalo Wild Wings, Cargill and General Mills); the biggest issue is and will continue to be faculty bandwidth making project prioritization key. Additionally, sustaining momentum and progress will be a challenge as Kevin’s current assignment lasts until Fall, 2019. The school is already looking for his replacement as a loaned executive.  
  • Curriculum – Matt Schmidt  
    All MIS classes are full for fall term; extra sections have been added for all. An ongoing goal is to get course mappings into the hands of the advisors providing alternative in other schools (for example, is IDSC’s programming class is full look at the equivalent in the Computer Science Department). Placing international students is becoming a challenge due to governmental reporting requirements and the fact that as a rule, consulting firms are no longer hiring them. Most are getting placed in academic institutions. IS graduates can stay in country for up to 3 years. |
their student visa with no sponsorship required. 70% of international students have IS majors.

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<td>• 3M will be supporting the Agile project management class next term</td>
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<td>• CoMIS needs better corporate support and logistical processes; the group discussed the need for solid marketing materials so that we can better engage our own and other companies. Tim Olson also expressed a need for better support in the following areas:</td>
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<td>o Finding the Case Sponsor (Tim and Kevin are currently working on this)</td>
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<td>o Arranging for site visits – how many and with whom</td>
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<td>Finding funding sponsors continues to be a challenge; the changes within the MISRC may help solve this.</td>
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<td>The process for getting and assigning judges needs to be documented. Todd also identified the need to have a single point of contact at organizations to help streamline the process of identifying judges, people to attend the networking dinner, etc.</td>
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<td>The group also discussed making a list of corporations in which we have high level contacts that we are willing to reach out to regarding CoMIS. This will be on the agenda for the August planning session.</td>
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<td>• There will be no meeting in June.</td>
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**Next Meeting:**
Planning Session – August 14, 2017, 2:00 – 6:00
Watch for details