Business/Accounting Department Meeting Minutes

ATTENDANCE: Alisa Callahan, Dolores Batiato, Alicia Law, Tim Lucas, Dorothy Thompson, Peter Ocsody, Adam Davis
Absent: Miguel Rivera, Keith Quackenbush, Bill Van Glabek

MEETING MINUTES: Friday, January 9, 2026

1. Curriculum Actions: We have been asked to put forth two of the courses required for the new AS in Precision Agricultural with the goal to train students in the technologies that are changing farming:
   - Profitability of Farms
   - Principles of Agriculture Management

   The program will combine business, science, and technology, teaching everything from soil management to drones, GPS mapping, and smart irrigation. The timeline is to move these courses forward to Curriculum Committee in February for the AY 2026-2027 catalog year. Seeking faculty input and support.

2. SLS 1301 & SLS 1331 – Sage Vantage at $50 for the 1-credit course to students. Consistent with the Textbook Affordability iniative, we need to find a less expensive alternative or move to OER. Volunteers for the redesign/redevelopment?

3. Time to start thinking about textbooks for the upcoming academic year.

4. Search for the new management position will begin this month.

5. MAN 2021 library research issue – update.

6. QMB for Tim's new course is moving to Curriculum Committee as another new elective for the SMAN program.

7. Career Exploration Day, Jan. 20, 2026 at the Charlotte Harbor Event Center (9:30-1pm): Any volunteers to attend and offer the 8th grade students hands on activities during this event? They expect 1,100 8th graders. See Dean Myers email dated Oct. 17 for details. Sign up is required by Jan. 9, 2026.

8. Congratulations to Dr. Batiato on earning continuing contract!

9. AI & Technology Topics:
   - Consider a wearable device policy if you have in person or proctored exams.
   - How are YOU using AI to improve your teaching and productivity. Best practices discussion.
   - Please consider enrolling in the following FSW PD opportunities:
     FSW's AI Toolkit and Community of Practice Canvas "course".
     FSW's AI Playground
     FSW's AI Upskilling
   - We need to have a deliberate focus this year on continuous improvement of courses for authentic assessments and proctored exams due to the proliferation of students' use of AI.