

**Date:** *October 15, 2012*

**Submitted by:** The Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs

*And the Washburn University School of Business*

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**Requested Action:** The Graduate Committee approved the Master of Accountancy Degree program by unanimous vote and is forwarding this to the Faculty Senate for approval.

**SUBJECT:** *Master of Accountancy (MAcc) Degree Program*

**Description:** The Master of Accountancy program is a professional degree program which will allow for Washburn students to (1) meet the education requirements set by the Kansas Board of Accountancy to sit for the CPA exam, and (2) complete a graduate degree. Qualified students interested in accounting will be able to seamlessly progress from the existing undergraduate program to the MAcc, and other professionals in our community will be able to return to school to complete their CPA requirements and/or earn the MAcc degree.

**Rationale:** To provide qualified students with a complete package of quality accounting education that will allow them to meet their career goals; to meet the very large demand for accounting graduates in our region; to increase enrollment at Washburn University.

**Financial Implications:** An additional faculty position in accounting has been approved for the FY14 budget; Additional operating costs are estimated to be \$5,000 per year.

Proposed Effective Date: Fall Semester, 2013

Request for Action: Approval by Washburn University Faculty Senate

Approved by: *School of Business Faculty and Dean, September 6, 2012*

*Washburn University Graduate Council, October 10*

Attachments Yes  No