Abstract

In early 2015, ACM and AIS formed a joint task force to revise and update the masters curriculum in information systems (this effort is labelled MSIS 2016). In the past one year, the task force has sought inputs and comments from various stakeholders in academia and industry, including through panels at major information systems conferences. This effort is ongoing and the purpose of this PACIS panel is to give the audience an update of the status of the MSIS 2016 curriculum revision effort as well as solicit their feedback on the draft document. Some members of the MSIS 2016 task force would be participating in this panel, along with invited panelists. A significant portion of the panel session would be reserved for conversation. The task force is proposing significant changes to the curriculum contents and structure. In particular, the draft document focuses on specifying desired graduate competencies instead of articulating courses or knowledge areas. These changes are in line with an increasing number of emerging documents that focus on desired graduate competencies (which tend to be more stable over time) rather than courses or knowledge areas (which tend to become obsolete quite quickly). The task force would be completing this effort by late 2016.

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