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FROM THE FSA PRESIDENT

The FSA is The Organization of Accredited Graduate Programs in Accounting. Our mission is to encourage and promote the development of high-quality accredited programs of education for the accounting profession that lead to a graduate degree, and to be a leading advocate of accredited accounting programs. The membership of the FSA is composed of over 200 accounting programs and major professional associations, and we continue to grow each year. Through our committees, our meetings and consortia, and our publications, we seek to provide forums from which our members can obtain information and useful ideas for immediate use in their accounting programs.



Richard E. Baker

Our Web Site: www.thefsa.org

We encourage you to use our Web site at www.thefsa.org. The Web site has information about our mission, our membership, our committees, and a host of other information about our association. The Web site will be updated regularly and we are interested in your suggestions on how our Web site can be even more useful to you. Please e-mail your comments and suggestions to Cecilia Lo Chin, our FSA administrator, at clochin@aicpa.org. Cecilia will be dedicating significant efforts to the continuing development of our Web site and welcomes all ideas for the Web site.

Our Committees

A significant amount of the efforts of the FSA takes place through our committees. The committees consist of volunteers who are working hard to address the concerns and issues facing accounting education. For example, we have a committee searching for ways the FSA can provide additional assistance to accounting programs seeking accounting accreditation, and also to prepare communications that will explain to accounting faculty the processes and goals of accounting accreditation. Another committee is exploring the impact of the Albrecht/Sack report, *Accounting Education: Charting the Course through a Perilous Future*, on accounting curriculums, particularly at the graduate level. Another committee effort is to provide exchange forums for directors of graduate accounting programs in which ideas and experiences can be shared among these directors. Our committees, the committee members, and the description of the tasks assigned to each committee may be found under the "Committees" section of our Web site.

Programs

A major program of the FSA is the highly successful and beneficial Claude Rodgers FSA Consortium presented in May each year. Approximately 90 faculty from the FSA's member schools are invited to attend each consortium. This year's consortium will continue our focus on curriculum building and will provide presentations from both practice and academic leaders on the contemporary issues confronting accounting education. The 2001 consortium will be held at the Arthur Andersen Worldwide Center for Professional

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2001 FSA CALENDAR

MAY 1

First Interim Reporting Date
for FSA Committees

MAY 18

FSA Board of Directors Meeting
St. Charles, IL

MAY 18–19

Claude Rodgers FSA Faculty
Consortium
Andersen Worldwide Center for
Professional Education
St. Charles, IL

AUGUST 1

Second Interim Reporting Date
for FSA Committees

AUGUST 12

FSA Board of Directors Meeting
Atlanta, GA

OCTOBER 19

Final Reporting Date for FSA
Committees

OCTOBER 25–27

FSA 25th Annual Meeting
Crystal Gateway Marriott
Arlington, VA

MEMBER NEWS

2001 NEW MEMBERS

Full Members

Bowling Green State University
Rider University
Truman State University
University of Southern Mississippi
Wichita State University

Accredited Affiliates

Ohio University
Southeastern Louisiana University
The University of Louisiana
at Monroe
University of Northern Colorado

Affiliates

Indiana University
St. John's University

From the FSA President (cont'd from pg. 1)

Education in St. Charles, IL, on May 18 and 19. Financial and program support for the consortia series is provided by generous grants from the Arthur Andersen Foundation. The FSA greatly appreciates the efforts of Phil Reckers, Arizona State University, who is chairing the 2001 consortium.

Our FSA 25th Annual Meeting is being held October 25–27, 2001, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, VA. The theme for the annual meeting is “Challenges to Graduate Accounting Education: Adding Value.” Our meeting will begin on Thursday evening, October 25, with a Welcome Reception, and will end at noon on Saturday, October 27. The 2001 Annual Meeting Planning Committee, chaired by George Krull, Grant Thornton LLP, is developing a program that will continue our spotlight on accounting accreditation issues. In addition, we will be working with the AICPA, which will be providing case materials from its outstanding Practitioner–Professor Case Competition. And we will have sessions to address the concerns of directors of graduate programs, the development of accounting program curriculums, and other current topics of interest for accounting educators as accounting programs seek ways to have our graduate programs add value to our students and for the accounting profession. The Crystal Gateway Marriott is located above a large, underground shopping mall, and is immediately adjacent to the Washington, DC, Metro system. The hotel is one mile from the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, 1.5 miles from Arlington National Cemetery, and 3.5 miles from the National Mall with the U.S. Capitol, the White House, and the Smithsonian Institution. Annual meeting program and registration information will be available on our Web site as we get closer to our meeting date and we look forward to seeing you at the 2001 FSA 25th Annual Meeting!

An Invitation to You

Information technology and globalization are major forces that will continue to transform businesses and the marketplace for our accounting graduates. Demands for continuous improvement of teaching and curricula will continue to challenge accounting educators. The FSA, The Organization of Accredited Graduate Programs in Accounting, seeks to provide forums for the exchange of information, ideas, and experiences to meet these and the many other challenges confronting accounting education. We invite you to participate in the FSA's activities and to share in these forums with the many other accounting educators who are committed to continued excellence of accounting education. We also encourage you to provide your suggestions for how the FSA can meet your accounting education needs. The e-mail addresses and other contact information for the FSA Board members are listed on our Web site under the “Officers and Board of Directors” section. This information can also be found on pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter.

Richard E. Baker, FSA President
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2001 CLAUDE RODGERS FACULTY CONSORTIUM

The 19th annual FSA Claude Rodgers Faculty Consortium will be held at the Andersen Worldwide Center for Professional Education in St. Charles, IL, on May 18 and 19, 2001. The theme for this year's conference is "Moving Accounting Education Up the Information Value Chain."

This year's program will focus on the challenges of leveraging technology and converting information to knowledge that is helpful to decision makers. The Internet has changed everything, and technology has automated many historical accounting functions. Displaced accountants must respond to the new needs of society, or perish. The Albrecht and Sack monograph, "Accounting Education: Charting the Course through a Perilous Future," put accounting academia on notice. Undergraduate accounting education must change and new 150-hour programs must provide students with opportunities to go beyond the traditional core accounting competencies.

This meeting will include presentations by Arthur Andersen professionals regarding key opportunities that AA has identified to provide high value-added services to business. Included will be analytical techniques for business valuation and M&A, the role of data mining in BIG 5 practices today (audit and otherwise) and ASP opportunities to leverage ERP and related technologies. The key focus of this meeting is on the curriculum. Professors teaching in topical areas will share their classroom experiences and provide take-aways for those attending the conference. The meeting is relevant to faculty teaching across the accounting curriculum and faculty involved in policy and planning activities to reverse the downturn in accounting enrollments and produce curricula supporting enhanced starting salaries for accounting graduates. All member schools and selected affiliates will be invited to nominate a faculty member to attend. Information may be obtained from Cecilia Lo Chin, FSA administrator, at (212) 596-6165. Arthur Andersen LLP underwrites the consortium, and the FSA is grateful to the firm for its continued support of this program.

CALL FOR PAPERS ISSUES IN ACCOUNTING EDUCATION

Special Edition on Quality of Earnings

The American Accounting Association requests submissions to be published in a special edition of *Issues in Accounting Education*. The submissions must address some aspect of earnings quality and may be in financial accounting, managerial accounting, international accounting, auditing, systems, or tax. The format of submission is open. Papers may take the form of descriptions of class projects, games, cases, or other type of educational resources. Instructional resources designed for any level, sophomore through graduate, will be considered. The overriding requirement is that the reader will be provided with ideas or materials about the quality of earnings that he or she can take into the classroom.

Walter Teets, Gonzaga University, will serve as special editor for this issue. Publication date for the special edition will be May 2002. To be guaranteed consideration, submissions must be received by September 30, 2001. Papers submitted expressly for the special edition should so state in the cover letter and need not be accompanied by a submission fee. All other policies and procedures as outlined in the journal will apply.

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REPORT ON THE 2000 FSA 24TH ANNUAL MEETING

The 2000 FSA 24th Annual Meeting was held in San Antonio, TX, at the Marriott Riverwalk from December 5–7. The conference agenda reflected the planning committee’s effort to break with past formats in two ways. First, the committee wanted to address as many key topics and issues impacting accounting education today as possible. As a result, the conference had four, instead of two, plenary speakers. Louis Matherne, the director of Information Technology for the AICPA, spoke on XBRL and the opportunities it created for accounting education. John Hunnicutt, senior vice president for Public Affairs of the AICPA, spoke on the AICPA’s initiative to develop a new certification and its impact on accounting education. Dr. Steve Albrecht challenged FSA member schools to address the concerns generated by the findings of the controversial report, “Accounting Education: Charting the Course through a Perilous Future.” Finally, former vice chair of the FASB, James Leisenring, spoke on the current status and future of international accounting standard setting and its impact on financial reporting in the United States.

The second difference in the conference was that it was held in conjunction with an AACSB training session. The FSA Board and Jane Rubin, director of Accounting Accreditation, felt that both organizations would benefit from this collaboration. As result, the AACSB conducted two programs to standing-room-only attendance during the first two concurrent sessions. Both the FSA Board and the AACSB are considering continuing this collaboration.

The FSA-sponsored concurrent sessions were well received by the participants. Innovative curriculum projects at the University of Illinois and the University of Denver, as well as creative courses at the University of Arkansas and the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire, were described. A concurrent session on assessment of program performance and three sessions for graduate coordinators provided participants with useful insights on how to enhance their programs. The FSA’s Data Base Committee conducted a session that described the results of their survey, which indicated that the quality of students at FSA member schools has improved over the past 10 years. Finally, Gregory Johnson from the AICPA spoke on the impending changes in the CPA Exam.

The attendance for this year’s conference was up and, although the weather was not conducive for a stroll along the Riverwalk, the evaluations indicated that participants found the conference timely, stimulating and useful. Please note that the 2001 FSA 25th Annual Meeting will be held earlier in the fall, October 25–27, in Arlington, VA, a short distance from Washington, DC.

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East Tennessee State University • Florida
International University • Florida State
University • George Mason University • Georgia
State University • Illinois State University
• James Madison University • Kansas State
University • Louisiana Tech University • Miami
University • Michigan State University •
Mississippi State University • New Mexico State
University at Solano • New York University •
Northern Illinois University • Oklahoma State
University • Old Dominion University • Rider
University • San Diego State University •
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University • State University of New York at
Buffalo • State University of West Georgia •
Stetson University • Texas A&M University •
Texas Tech University • The Chinese University
of Hong Kong • The University of Mississippi •
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of Miami • University of Missouri – Columbia •
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Nevada – Las Vegas • University of New Mexico
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North Texas • University of Oklahoma
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Southern California • University of Southern
Florida • University of Southern Mississippi
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Austin • University of Texas – El Paso
• University of Utah • University of Virginia
• University of Wisconsin – Madison •
University of Houston • Utah State University •
Virginia Commonwealth University • Virginia
Polytechnic Institute and State University •
Wake Forest University • Weber State University
• West Virginia University • Western Illinois
University • Western Michigan University •
Wichita State University

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2001 FSA 25TH ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 25–27, 2001

**Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel
Arlington, VA**

DATES AND LOCATION

We are preparing for the 2001 FSA 25th Annual Meeting that will begin with a welcoming reception at 6:00pm on Thursday, October 25, 2001, and then continue on Friday and Saturday, October 26 and 27. We will finish at noon on Saturday. These FSA annual meetings are opportunities for renewing old friendships, making new friends, and sharing insights and experiences of providing the very best graduate accountancy education we can.

The meeting will be held at the beautiful Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, VA. The hotel is right across the highway from the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, and is located above a large underground shopping center. The Washington Metro has a stop at the hotel, and attendees, spouses and families may choose to visit Arlington National Cemetery (1.5 miles from the hotel), or the Smithsonian Institution (3.5 miles from the hotel), among the many other historical sites in Washington, DC.

The theme for the 2001 FSA 25th Annual Meeting is “Challenges to Graduate Accounting Education: Adding Value.” The program will include several sessions on accreditation matters, strategic evaluations of our graduate accounting models, a variety of innovative and interesting graduate curricular models, and the need for us to prepare our accounting students to meet the changing requirements of the dynamic profession of accounting.

MEETING AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

In addition to newsletters and e-mails, we will use our FSA Web site — www.thefsa.org — to provide information and registration forms for the 2001 annual meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2001 FSA 25th Annual Meeting! If you have any questions about the meeting, or any other FSA matters, please feel free to contact our FSA administrator, Cecilia Lo Chin, at (212) 596-6165, or e-mail her at clochin@aicpa.org.

**PLAN TO JOIN WITH US IN CELEBRATING THE FSA's 25th ANNUAL MEETING
IN OCTOBER 2001!**

FSA SERVICE AWARDS

The Federation of Schools of Accountancy gives two major awards to recognize exceptional service: the Joseph A. Silvos Faculty Merit Award, named in honor of the 1983 FSA president's many contributions to the FSA and accounting education, and the Practitioner Service Award.

Thomas P. Howard, director of the Culverhouse School of Accountancy at the University of Alabama, was honored as the 2000 winner of the Silvos Award. Tom has long been active in the FSA, including serving as FSA president in 1998. He has a strong commitment to the accounting profession and a sincere interest in educating students for positions of responsibility in our society. A CPA and CFE, Tom is on the editorial board of the *Journal of Accounting Education*, *Issues in Accounting Education* and *Advances in Accounting*. Dr. Howard will join the faculty of the University of Kentucky as department chair in August 2001.

The 2000 FSA Practitioner Service Award was given to Dennis Riegle, partner in Arthur Andersen, the global professional services firm. Denny has worked tirelessly in support of accounting education, serving important roles in all the major accounting academic organizations. For the FSA, Denny is best known for his major contributions to the quality programs at the FSA/Claude Rodgers Faculty Symposium and for his participation on the FSA Board as a Supporting Associates Director. Denny's award is particularly remarkable because it is his second Practitioner Service Award; he previously won the award in 1994.

THE FSA AWARDS COMMITTEE SOLICITS NOMINATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING AWARDS:

FSA JOSEPH A. SILVOSO FACULTY MERIT AWARD

This award is to an academic who has made notable contributions in curriculum and program development, in service to the university and profession, in leadership provided to the program and to professional organizations, or in research. Contributions to post-baccalaureate accounting education will be emphasized.

FSA PRACTITIONER SERVICE AWARD

This award is to a practitioner who has given notable service to accounting education and to academic groups. Candidates should show evidence of working for the benefit of relations with educators for the mutual improvement of the profession, such as work on behalf of national education improvement programs and projects, efforts on behalf of accreditation, and significant contributions to the FSA or other academic organizations.

The Deadline for Nominations is June 29, 2001

Please send your nominations to any member of the Awards Committee:

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- Lehigh University • Loyola College in Maryland
- Marquette University • Oakland University
- Ohio University • Pacific Lutheran University
- Southeastern Louisiana University
- Towson University • University of Dayton
- University of Louisville • University of Nevada – Reno
- University of North Carolina – Charlotte
- University of Notre Dame • University of Oregon
- University of Richmond • Villanova University
- Wright State University

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- Gonzaga University • Idaho State University
- Indiana University • Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- International College • Iona College
- Iowa State University • Keller Graduate School of Management
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- Northern Kentucky University • Pace University
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- Yeshiva University

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NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Nominating Committee of the FSA is soliciting nominations for officers and board members for the 2002 year.

OFFICER VACANCIES WILL BE:

Vice President/President Elect
Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTOR VACANCIES WILL BE:

Members representing Member Schools (two positions)
Member representing Private Enterprise Associates (one position)

Those elected will serve two-year terms, with the exception of the Vice President/President Elect. This person will serve as Vice President for 2002 (beginning after the annual meeting in October 2001), President for 2003, and Past President (and serving on the Board of Directors) in 2004.

Nominations for these positions should be sent as soon as possible (but not later than June 29, 2001) to any member of the 2001 Nominating Committee:

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MEMBER NEWS

Dr. Richard Ott has been named the new PricewaterhouseCoopers Faculty Fellow.

Dr. Dann Fisher has been named the new Deloitte & Touche Faculty Fellow.

Instructors Kathy Brockway, Kim Charland, Jo Lyle and Fred Smith have been named the new Ernst & Young Teaching Fellows.

Arthur Andersen and Baird, Kurtz and Dobson have doubled the amounts of their Fellowships for Finley Graves and David Donnelly, respectively, and KPMG has increased the amount of its Fellowship for Dan Deines by one-half.