出國報告(出國類別:參訪)

# 參加 AACSB 研討會及拜訪姐妹校密蘇里大學聖路易分校,吸取 AACSB 認證經驗出國報告

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## 摘要

此次陪同管院蔡坤穆參加 AACSB 在美國紐奧良舉辦一年一度的 Deans Conference,以及拜訪 University of Missouri in Saint Louise 姐妹校收穫良多。AACSB Accreditation 是本校管理學院與 財金學院正積極進行的重要工作,必須持續學習 AACSB 最新的規定與並瞭解 AACSB 未來趨勢。本校管院與財院 AACSB 的初次認證進度,幾乎已到最後一哩,利用此次一年一度的 Deans Conference 機會與多位其他學校的院長們、AACSB 相關人員們進行交流,並與本校 AACSB 認證指導顧問 Maling 密切討論如何準備下次的 iSER update report,持續推展本校 AACSB 的認證工作。此外,蔡院長和我也利用此次寒假到紐奧良開會的機會,飛至密蘇里州的聖路易市,拜訪姊妹校 University of Missouri in Saint Louise(UMSL),訪視在當地進行雙聯學位的本校同學們,吸取 UMSL AACSB 認證經驗,也與 UMSL 的老師們與行政人員們進行討論,積極促成 UMSL與本校為未來各種合作的可能性。收穫最大的項目是協助 UMSL 管院獲得 UMSL 國際中心的認同,完成 IMBA Asia Consortium 合作備忘錄,有利於本校與 UMSL 推展多國、多方合作的可能性。

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### 一、目的:

此行主要目的之一是陪同管院蔡坤穆到美國紐奧良參加 AACSB 舉辦每年一度的 Deans Conference,並與 AACSB 認證指導顧問 Maling 見面,討論如何準備 iSER update report,並與多位國際學者(院長們)進行交流,以利推展本校管院與財學院正在進行的 AACSB 認證。此外,也拜訪姐妹校 University of Missouri in Saint Louise(UMSL),訪視本校在 UMSL 進行雙聯學位的同學們,學習 UMSL AACSB 認證經驗,並與 UMSL 討論未來各項合作的可能性。

### 二、過程:

Feb. 4: 一早搭最早班的高鐵,從高雄前往桃園機場,搭機飛往美國舊金山,轉機前往路易斯安那州的紐奧良。

Feb. 5-7: 坤穆院長出席參加 AACSB Deans Conference,此次會議中安排三個 plenary 以及數個 sessions 內容相當豐富,三個 plenary 主要內容如下:

**Plenary I: Disruption & the Future of Education**: Speaker will describe major breakthroughs occurring in a series of accelerating technologies like artificial intelligence, robotics, biotech, sensors, neuroscience and medicine. He'll cover the implications of these breakthroughs on society, business, and education and will describe the structural changes occurring in education. He'll close by charting a future for education that governments and regions can implement.

Plenary II: Cultivating People First Cultures: All organizations are not created equal. "This is how we do things here" is no longer an acceptable answer in a world that is in constant disruption. Organizational and Learning Leaders must break through their stagnant quo thinking and behaviors to create people centric workplace environments that foster transformational change. Global and technology advances have created the demand to rethink the way organizations hire, develop and retain talent. Demographic shifts, and constant competitive necessity to upskill are disrupting how people learn. Trends are shifting to innovative platforms and programs that encourage and enable self - development. Most CEOs report that their companies are not developing skills fast enough or leaders deep enough, even though mobile devices make learning potentially available everywhere at any time. Rita will explore her perspective on assessing Cultures – Happenstance or deliberate, redesign, or new start. She will also share stories and examples of traditional, disruptive and immersive structures that support sustainable people centric cultures.

Plenary III: What Drives B-School Students – Beyond Demographics to Core Motivations: The Graduate Management Admission Council has developed a global segmentation effort that provides actionable insights about prospective and current GME students. Designed specifically to

understand candidate motivations related to pursuing a graduate business degree and school selection, the research has identified seven unique segments around the globe. Learn how resulting insights can be applied to any school's class mix, leading to new ways for schools to connect with prospective students, influence curriculum design, and tailor recruiter and alumni outreach.

其他精彩的 sessions 也包括:

- (A1) Responsible Research in Business and Management: Striving toward credible and useful knowledge: How can the research we do in business schools create more value for business and society? Is it possible to shape the research ecosystem to improve quality, relevance, and impact? In this session, representatives of an emerging community of scholars (across disciplines) and business education leaders share their vision for responsible research and lead a discussion of the role that deans can play in achieving it. Participants will consider the overarching questions above, as well as the specific opportunities and obstacles for business schools.
- **(B3) Implementing Curricular Innovation:** This highly interactive session will focus on sharing success stories and ideas for how business schools have integrated innovative new programs into their curricula. Examples include, but are not limited to, action and experiential learning, business analytics, fintech, and other emerging areas. Participants will have the opportunity to share and hear about innovative ideas and discuss strategies for implementation.
- (C2) Innovations in Cross-disciplinary Education: Business schools need to place a greater emphasis on interdisciplinary collaborations across university campuses, particularly with schools of engineering, sciences, etc. In this session, presenters will share opportunities for engagement with other disciplines in design of curricula, as well as innovative additions to traditional curricula content. 等等。

此次在 New Orleans 舉辦的年度 Deans Conference 也有多所台灣知名學府的院長與會,包括政治大學唐院長、清華大學莊院長、成功大學林院長、雲林科大陳院長、靜宜大學蔡院長、南台科大周院長等。因此,除了能與各國大學的院長們進行交流,也能與台灣各大學的院長們深度討論與分享 AACSB 認證的心得與經驗。

Feb.8-9: 與蔡院長拜訪 AACSB 指導顧問 Maling,反覆討論本校管院與財院的認證進度。由於本校以兩院來進行 AACSB 認證,且多種碩士學位本質上為 MS(Master of Science),因此必須進行學習品保(Assurance of Learning, AoL)的課程相較於一班進行認證的大學來說,較為龐大旦複雜,明顯不同於美國商學院一般採用 MBA 為主的規劃。AACSB 初次認證委員會(IAC)雖已接受本校的 iSER report,但對本校兩院能否負擔如此繁複的 AoL 工作仍然不放心,希望本校必須與 Maling 討論,如何簡化 AoL 系統,不要增加老師們太多的負擔。Maling 覺得 IAC 的

concerns 應該是多慮了,對台灣以系(department)為主的學制,比較不瞭解。然而,既然 IAC 有此顧慮,我們就必須設法因應處理,才能順利取得初次認證,以及有利推展以後每五年一次的持續認證。經過與 Maling 的反覆討論,已有改善 AoL 系統的想法與計畫,返台後已即刻著手進行。Maling 這次也建議等蒐集較多的 AoL 資料,再來提交 iSER update report,原則上是一年繳交一次即可。如果太早繳交 update report,反而會讓 IAC 質疑本校改善 AoL 的具體成效。因此,初步決定 2017 九月才繳交 iSER update report,如果一切順利,明年即可著手安排 PRT(peer review team)的實地訪視。

Feb. 11: 中午搭機前往密蘇里州聖路易,準備拜訪姐妹校 University of Missouri in Saint Louise (UMSL)。傍晚抵達,入住旅館。晚上與 UMSL, Associate Dean Dr. Eyssell, Dr. Rottman 等人進行 餐敘,初步討論兩校各項交流與合作。Dr. Eyssell 表示幾個月來與本校共同擬訂之三方 iMBA program(3+1+1,大陸三年、本校1年、UMSL1年加實習),因 UMSL 資深的國際長 Dr. Grassman 對於必須大陸學校、第一科大、UMSL三方簽約,有所顧慮,暫時無法推行,希望透過這次蔡院長和我的到訪,能夠有所突破。

Feb. 12 因為是星期天,還未能展開正式拜會 UMSL 校園的行程。然而,Dr. Eyssell, Dr. Rottman 與其他辦公室成員們,熱心安排本校目前在 UMSL 進行雙聯學制的近 20 位同學們,以及曾經 到本校雙聯的兩位 UMSL 同學們,一起在當地著名的啤酒釀造商經營的餐廳午餐,氣氛十分 融洽。餐後也到同學們居住的宿舍參觀,瞭解本校同學們在 UMSL 的生活狀態。

Feb. 13 正式拜訪 UMSL。先拜會 Dean Hoffman、Associate Dean Dr. Eyssell、Dr. Rottman 的 International Business Center,聽取簡報,學習並吸取 AACSB 認證經驗,以及討論其他合作事 宜。之後又拜訪國際長 Dr. Grassman,試圖突破三方 IMBA program。會中我們提出更改"三方" 名稱,並擴大合作對象(不限於大陸學校),納入所有亞洲與第一科大有合作關係的姐妹校,這樣也可配合政府目前鼓勵的南向政策,立即獲得 Dr. Grassman 的支持。Dr. Grassman 自 1974 即在 UMSL 服務,資深且影響力大,當他願意支持新的國際合作項目,UMSL 通常就沒有問題。

Dr. Grassman 遂將"三方"更名為 IMBA Asia Consortium,主要內容如下:

IMBA Asia Consortium students will consist of those National Kaohsiung First University of Science and Technology (hereafter "First Tech") students recruited from First Tech partner universities. These students will spend their final academic year at First Tech. Students interested in pursuing the IMBA program at UMSL will be nominated by First Tech officials. IMBA Asia Consortium students must meet the same admission requirements as other First Tech IMBA dual degree students, including GPA, GMAT, and TOEFL requirements. IMBA Asia Consortium students, if admitted to the UMSL IMBA program, may transfer up to 9 graduate credit hours taken at First Tech. The 9 graduate credit hours cannot be counted toward the requirements of their undergraduate bachelor's degree. IMBA Asia Consortium students must complete a minimum of 39 graduate credits to earn the MBA degree at UMSL. IMBA Asia Consortium students may transfer up to 9 graduate credits taken at First Tech toward the MBA degree at UMSL. 並預計四月 Dr.

Eyssell 到本校訪問時,更新兩校的合作備忘錄。

Feb. 14 凌晨五點前往機場搭乘早上七點的班機飛往舊金山,從舊金山轉機飛返桃園國際機場,於 Feb. 15 傍晚六點多抵達,之後又搭乘高鐵返回高雄。

# 三、心得及建議:

AACSB Accreditation 對全世界商管學院而言,都是愈來愈重要,尤其是亞洲地區。這次陪同蔡院長參加 Deans Conference,係為了本校取得 AACSB 初次認證的最後一哩路而努力。在 Maling 顧問的細心指導下,已經知道如何因應 IAC 所關注 AoL 的議題。雖然某些方面,IAC 的論點,不全然是百分百正確,但 Maling 與 UMSL Dean Hoffman 與實際負責 AACSB 的 Dr. Eyssell 都提醒不需要去挑戰 IAC 的權威,而是在合宜的時間內提出解釋,並儘量配合 IAC,也要多參與 AACSB 舉辦的各項活動,循序漸進,定能順利取得初次認證,並替未來的持續認證打好基礎。在 Maling 顧問協助下,已有改善精簡 AoL 系統的藍圖,目前需要一些時間來推行與落實改善後的 AoL 了。

此次出國也拜訪了聖路易的姐妹校 UMSL。自從本校與 UMSL 有雙聯學制以來,通常都是 UMSL 人員到本校訪問,這是第一次有本校老師們前往 UMSL 訪問,因此 UMSL 十分重視。除了讓我們能夠學習 UMSL AACSB 認證經驗外,也細心安排我們和本校進行雙聯學制的同學們

餐敘。所拜訪的每個單位都對我們進行簡報,並進行討論,非常正式,讓我們能充分了解學生們在當地的就學與實習的狀況,甚至特地安排兩位已在當地工作的本校畢業生也在最後一天晚上 farewell reception 來探望。此次訪問 UMSL 最具體的成果之一,便是促成 IMBA Asia Consortium 新合作項目的誕生,希望未來不但有助於推展雙方持續合作,且對本校因應政府的南向政策能夠有所助益。

四、附件

照片一: 蔡院長與台灣其他大學院長們在 Dean Conference 合影



照片二:與 UMSL Dean Hoffman 合影



照片三:與 UMSL Associate Dean Dr. Eyssell 合影



照片四:與 UMSL Dr. Rottaman 及 International Business Center 職員合影



照片五:與 UMSL 人員、本校雙聯同學們在啤酒釀造餐廳聚餐

