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Newsletter

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Chair's Corner - Nitin Kale

Greetings from the SAP North American Academic Board. I trust your Spring semester is going well. As we slowly emerge from the disruptions of the pandemic, I remain cautiously optimistic. The board has worked continuously since summer 2020 to plan new directions to serve our community. This newsletter is to provide you an update on our activities in curriculum development, research, industry engagement, and upcoming events. We look forward to the SAP Academic Community Conference 2021, concurrent for the first time with the DACH conference!



"Grateful to our amazing faculty who continue to innovate and deliver our SAP curriculum!"

Dr. Karina Edmonds

VP and Head of Academies and University Alliances

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Committee Updates

- Curriculum Committee: The committee's current focus is identifying our community's curriculum needs. Based on input from faculty volunteers, we have developed a survey that will be sent to faculty at all North America UA community institutions once pilot testing is completed. You will be receiving the survey soon!
- Research Committee: The new 2020-2021 Research Committee of the SAPNAAC has been formed and is meeting regularly to explore opportunities to support our community. We are thrilled to invite everyone to participate in the SAP Academic Community Conference 2021 - New Frontiers in Enterprise Systems Research and Practice. The conference will be in a virtual format over September 11-12, 2021. The call for papers is now up at

<http://sapnaac.ucc.uwm.edu/#conf2021>

The conference will feature several tracks on teaching, research, and practice of Enterprise Systems and Innovation. Submissions are all double-blind peer-reviewed extended abstracts and we will have best paper awards in each track to recognize top contributors. We are also planning virtual networking events as well as exciting keynote speakers. Proceedings from prior conferences can be found in the SAPNAAC [library](#).

- Events Committee: Plan and execute Academic Community Conference. Please insert details of the conference under Upcoming events!
- Communications Committee: This committee is focusing on developing a foundation for sharing information and interests in our community. Recently we have created a logo, website, newsletter, and LinkedIn page.



Connect with us on [SAPNAAC LinkedIn page](#):

- Share your SAP teaching initiatives
- Connect with industry peers and experts to learn about best practices
- Get access to and share cutting-edge research across the community
- Networking opportunities

Spotlight - Central Michigan University

Central Michigan University has been conducting ERPsim invitational competition for 9 years now. ERPsim is a simulation that uses SAP software in a business simulation game. The competition in 2021 was challenging, given the pandemic. Central Michigan University BIS department adapted to the circumstances and conducted the entire competition online. It was a landmarks event that attracted 100 students and over 50 mentors from 22 corporations such as 3M, EY, Eli Lilly, Ford, Dow, Consumers Energy, Jabil, and many more.

In addition to providing a myriad of scholarships to a total of eight teams, the competition provided a platform an excellent opportunity for students to network with industry executives and mentors. Industry leaders from Dow, Ford, and Dominos delivered a panel on navigating professional work life. Despite the challenging medium, the event provided an incredible learning experience for our students. Industry partners and mentors also appreciated the CMU students' efforts reflected in their [testimonies and experiences](#). Please this [link](#) for more ERPSIM/SAP details. ERP/SAP Program at Central Michigan University also offers online certificate in [Enterprise Systems](#).



"This event really is the SUPERBOWL for the College of Business!" - Max Miller, abatUS LLC



Upcoming Events

- **SAP University Alliances North America Summer Virtual Boot Camps**
July 12 - 23, 2021 (Registration will open in April for the following topics):
 - Business Process Configuration,
 - Intro to UA and Business Process Integration using SAP S4HANA,
 - ABAP
 - SAP Low-Code Development with Mendix
 - TS410
 - Accounting Information Systems
 - Data Warehouse Cloud
 - SAP Analytics Cloud (SAC)
 - ERPsim Advanced Topics
 - Business Process Integration using SAP S4/HANA Refresher
- **SAP Academic Community Conference 2021**
 - September 11-12, 2021 - Save the Date!
 - Joint conference on Sunday morning, September 12, with DACH Academic Board and faculty
 - Deadline of July 9 for call for papers: <http://sapnaac.ucc.uwm.edu/#conf2021>