Revising the MSIS 2016 Model Curriculum:
Status Update and Discussion

Joint ACM/AIS MSIS 2016 Task Force

AIS SIGED (IAIM) 2015 meeting

Task Force for Revising the Model Curriculum for Master of Science in Information Systems (MSIS) Degree

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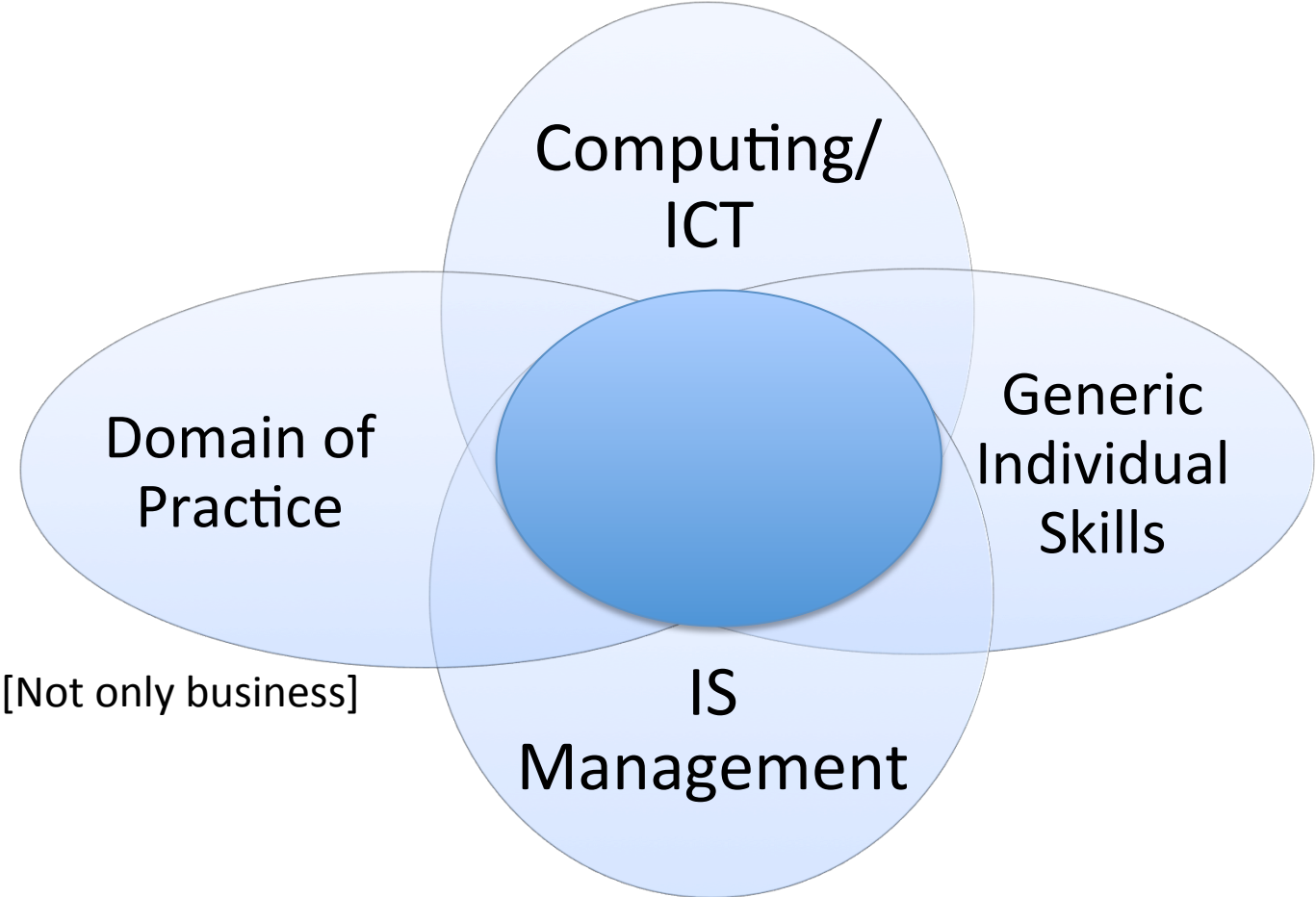**ACM**

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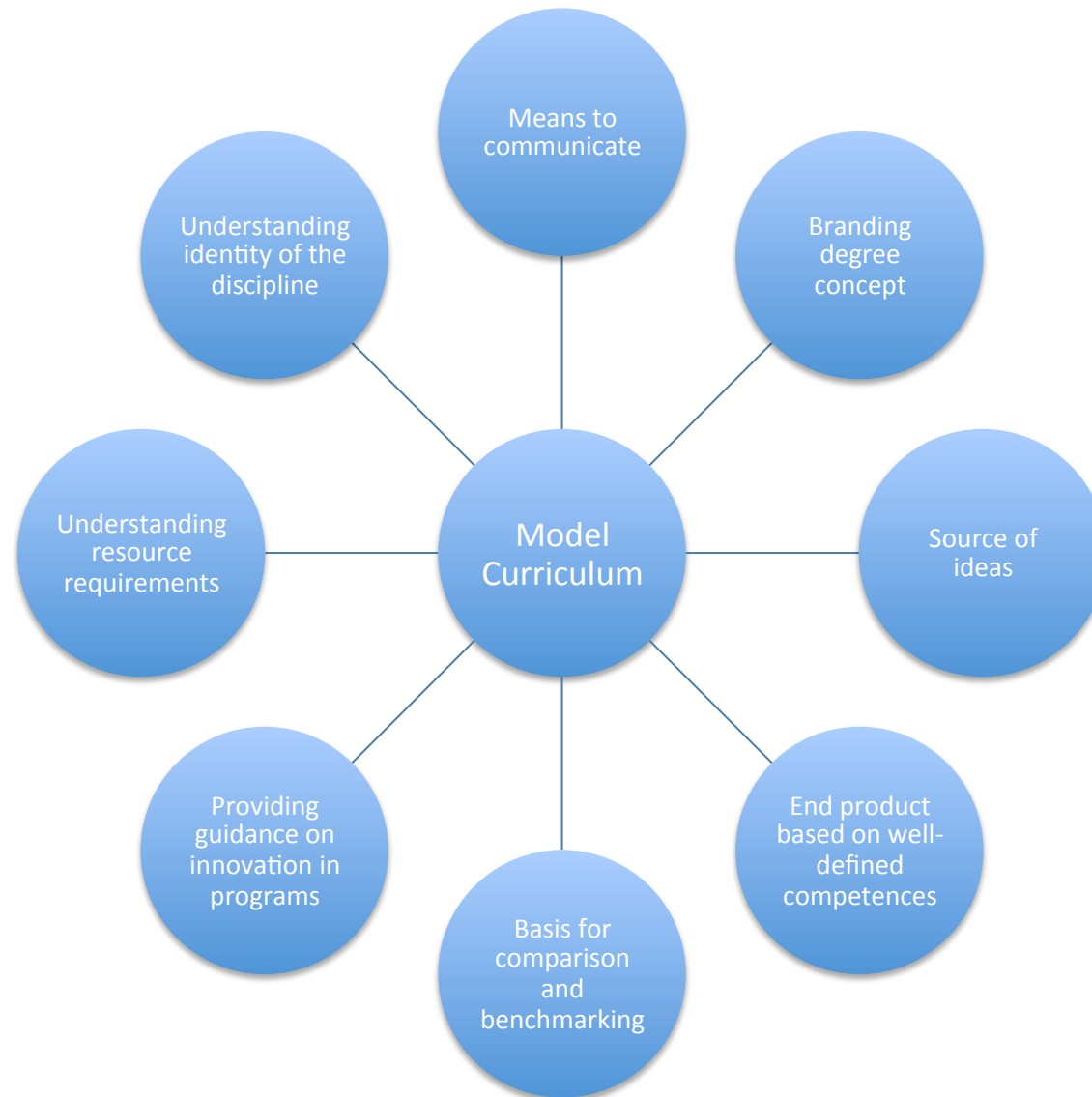# Task Force Schedule

2015 April   Task force F2F in Amsterdam

June   ECIS panel for feedback

June 30   First draft for comments (by August)

July   PACIS panel for feedback

August   AMCIS panel for feedback

November   MIS Academic Leadership Conference; China Computer Education Summit

Fall   Survey data collection

December   Task force F2F in Fort Worth; AIS SIG-ED panel

2016 Feb   Second draft for comments

May-June   Third draft for comments

Summer   Conference presentations, panels (ECIS, PACIS, AMCIS)

August   Task force F2F – writing final draft (AMCIS 2016)

September   Submitting to AIS and ACM for approval

December   MSIS 2016 launched at ICIS Dublin

Elements of a Master's Level Degree Program in IS

Computing/ ICT

Domain of Practice

[Not only business]

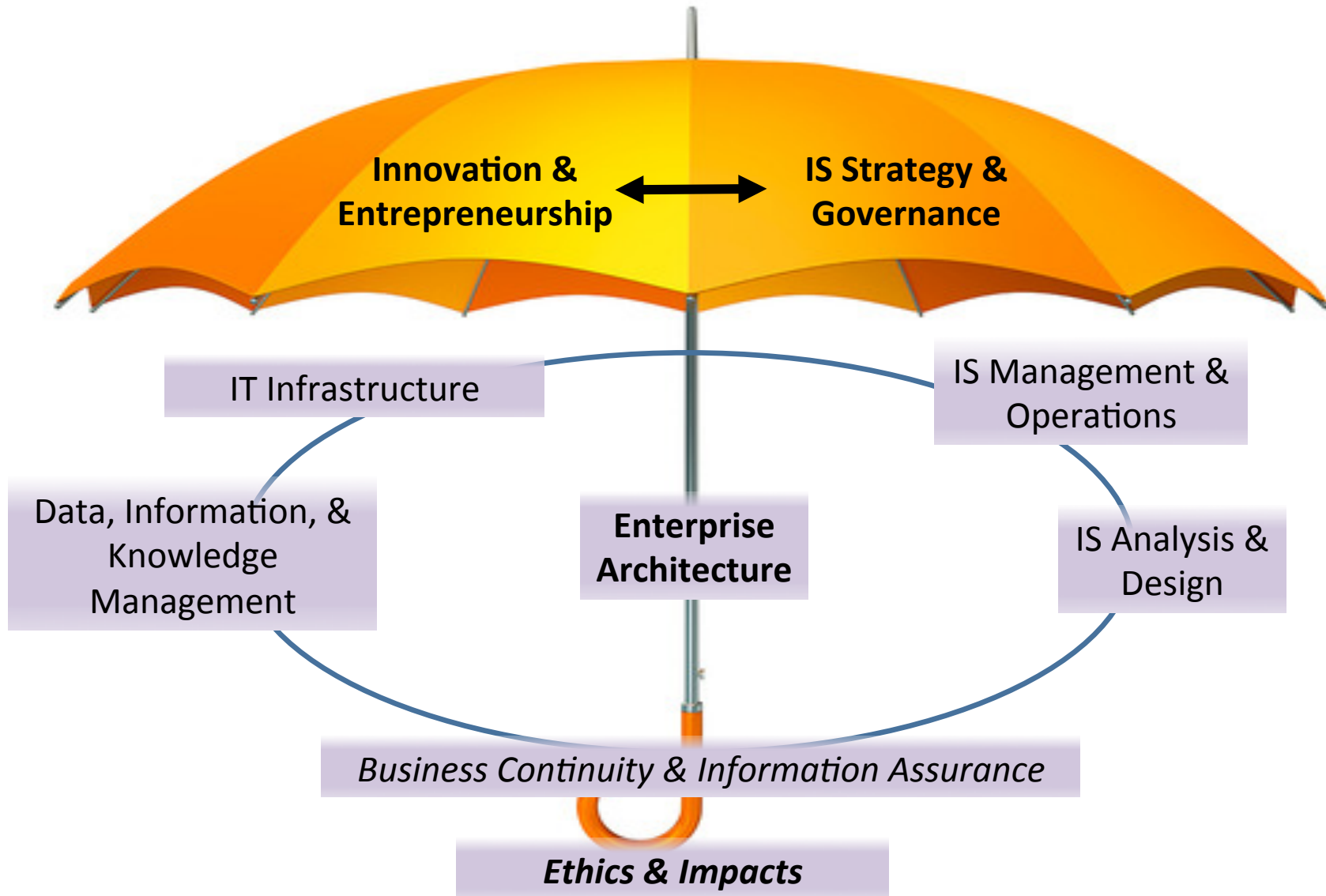Generic Individual Skills

IS Management

Why a Model Curriculum?

Core Assumptions Underlying the MSIS 2016 Initiative

- Global focus
- Recognition of variations due to local contingencies (e.g. governmental digitalization strategies; differences in educational systems) – curriculum flexibility is essential
- Focus on graduate competences
- Building a profession – not just occupations
- Broadly specified continuing education and professional development not included (MBA, eMBA, certificates, short courses)
- A general MSIS degree continues to have value and can form a foundation for specialized MS programs

Innovation & Entrepreneurship ← → IS Strategy & Governance

IT Infrastructure

IS Management & Operations

Data, Information, & Knowledge Management

Enterprise Architecture

IS Analysis & Design

Business Continuity & Information Assurance

Ethics & Impacts

EARLY DRAFT!

You Can Support the MSIS 2016 Revision Project

- Take the faculty survey (goo.gl/6f9dsN)
- Encourage your industry affiliates to take the industry survey (goo.gl/HMaaIJ)
- Give us feedback (visit msis2016.org or e-mail htopi@bentley.edu / ekarsten@abo.fi)

Thank you!