

**Business Advisory Committees**  
**Friday, April 22, 2005**  
**Meeting Minutes**

1. Election of officers deferred, as only two committee members were in attendance.
2. Accounting Program Updates – all courses are up-to-date, meeting international standards; integrating Ethics and Business Communications in every program course across the curriculum.
3. Credit unions have their own certificate programs, some of which articulate to HCC, are going through the academic review process. There is some interest in a future Credit Union degree program.
4. SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) is a 2-year-old program at HCC to teach entrepreneurship, community service, corporate citizenship. Students present Personal Finance workshops at Metropolitan Ministries every other week.
5. “I Choose” program at Leto HS for Cuban immigrants, to teach about money, banking, basics of economics, competition and marketing.
6. FBLA/PBL – First year at HCC (Brandon)...30 members, third largest chapter in Florida. Eight students participated in state competition in Orlando, took first place in Parliamentary Procedure.
7. Advisory committee members (non-HCC) looking for the following training for their employees:
  - Organizational Behavior/Psychology to aid in the transition to management; soft skills
8. Lots of growth projected for Hillsborough County: Emerging software development, shared accounting services centers.
9. For next Advisory Committees meeting in the fall, it was recommended to combine with the Computer Sciences Committee. Friday mornings were the best.