Rutgers AICPA Data Analytics Research Initiative (RADAR)

In person Meeting

October 9, 2019

Meeting Minutes:

- The meeting opened with a welcome and introductions.

- The board approved the September 14th meeting minutes for posting to the RADAR website.

- The group discussed the draft deliverables (i.e. the MADS paper and Key Learnings document), and how they should be presented. It was suggested that one paper should be developed that would touch on the purpose of the project, and discuss some of the open challenges and questions that have come up along the way. The group agreed to focus on drafting this "Learnings" document rather than a separate "MADS paper" and "Key Learnings" document.

  Over the course of the MADS project, the team has been tracking open questions, challenges and key themes. The group discussed the following areas.
  - **Overall** – What is the purpose of the model and where does it fit in the audit? Is this a true model and/or framework or rather an experiment in using audit data analytics in an audit?
  - **Filtering** – How much is enough filtering? What are the right filters?
  - **Notable Items** – How are notable items defined? What are audit team expected to do with the final output of notable items?
  - **Error** – If an error were found in a transaction that tripped a filter, how would this error be assessed?
  - **Remainder population** – What should be done with the "remainder population" that has not tripped a filter?

- The group discussed a survey that was conducted (amongst the board members) on the future of RADAR.

- The meeting closed and an executive session of the board took place to discuss next steps and the outcome of the survey.

- **<u>Next Steps:</u>**

  - AICPA staff to develop a draft outline of the new deliverable, and share with the group for review.