

Important Dates

February 16-19

*Reading Week – No classes
(except EMBA on Sat. Feb. 20)*

Friday, February 19

Teaching Workshop
*Student use of Technology
in the Classroom*

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. in ED-514

Monday, February 22

Academic Achievement Event
5:00 – 6:30 p.m. - Terrace Building
(Speeches/Presentations at 5:30)
10 Research Drive

Friday, February 26

Research Presentation by
Ernest Johnson
10:00 – 11:00 a.m. in ED-558

Thursday, March 4

CMA Saskatchewan on Campus
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
6th Floor Education Building

Friday, March 5

Coffee Party
10:00 – 10:30 a.m. in ED-562

Friday, March 5

Research Presentation by
Chris Street
10:30 – 11:30 a.m. in ED-514

Thursday, March 11

CMA Saskatchewan on Campus
Pop & Pizza Info Session
4:00 – 5:30 p.m. in ED-558

U of M GAAPS Accounting Competition

Our student team advanced to the second round of a case competition at the University of Manitoba GAAPS Accounting Competition on the weekend of February 6 & 7, 2010. (GAAPS stands for *Gathering of Accounting Associates, Professionals, and Students.*) Congratulations to these four students whose team placed sixth in the competition:

- Joshua McFarlen
- Jonathan Josephson
- Echo Qin
- Michelle Tiefenbach

Academic Integrity

The Faculty of Business Administration enjoyed an 8-month stretch with no academic misconduct cases (Winter 2009 and Spring/Summer 2010).

However, in Fall 2009 we once again had 2 separate academic misconduct cases. One of these involved unauthorized group work on an assignment, and one involved cheating (unauthorized use of notes) on a final exam.

Please ensure the academic integrity hand-out is distributed in your classes. We recommend that you use this as an occasion to stress the importance of academic integrity, for both undergraduate and graduate classes.

Co-op Placements Down

The Co-op Office reports that co-op placements for Winter 2010 semester are down significantly from last year. In Winter 2009 there were 96 Business students placed in co-op work terms, while in Winter 2010 there are only 65 Business students in co-op work terms.

If you know of employers interested in having a co-op student, please link them up with the Co-op Office!

Reminder – Classroom Data Projectors

At the end of each class, please remember to:

- (1) Turn off the data projector, and
- (2) Lock the cabinet

When the data projectors are left on for a long period, they will sometimes overheat and power off, causing inconvenience for the next instructor as well as potential damage to the equipment. There have also been cases where computer equipment/peripherals have been stolen from classrooms. Therefore, locking the cabinets is essential, especially at the conclusion of an evening class.

Office Space for Sessional Lecturers

This is a reminder that the Faculty has office space available for Sessional Lecturers to use while on campus. The space on the 5th floor of the Education Bldg. contains a large office work area, a computer and printer, and individual lockers for coats, storage, etc. If you would like to use this space, please contact **Devon Anderson**, Faculty Administrator, at 337-3249 or Devon.Anderson@uregina.ca to obtain a key and code.

Most Frequently Downloaded

The *Journal of Enterprising Communities: People and Places in the Global Economy* recently listed its top 20 most frequently downloaded articles from March 2007 to January 2010. The list includes four articles written by University of Regina faculty member **Bob Anderson**, with two of these co-authored with **Aldene Meis Mason**.

Acting Dean

Anne Lavack will be away on vacation from Feb. 16-19, 2010, and **David Senkow** will be Acting Dean during her absence. Anne can be reached on her cell phone during the week at **737-1599**, and she also expects to have intermittent access to email.

Journal Article

- **Adrian Pitariu's** article, "Explaining Change: Theorizing and Testing Dynamic Mediated Longitudinal Relationships," will be published in the March 2010 issue of the *Journal of Management* (Vol. 36, No.2).

Employee Engagement Survey

From February 22 to March 12 the University of Regina will be conducting its first-ever Employee Engagement Survey. This survey ties in to the Strategic Plan's commitment to positive employee relations and will provide an opportunity for both faculty and staff to make their opinions heard. The survey will take 20-30 minutes, but doesn't have to be completed all at once. The survey will measure aspects such as trust in management, work family conflict, job involvement, and job satisfaction, among others. Results will be anonymous and everyone is encouraged to participate. The survey will be administered biennially, with the intent that it will help to build a strong supportive culture and work environment across the university.

Faculty members **Aldene Meis-Mason** and **Adrian Pitariu**, through our Centre for Management Development, were instrumental in developing this Employee Engagement Survey. The survey instrument is based on scales well-established and validated in the employee engagement literature. Surveys will be available in either English or French – if you prefer a French version, please contact Aldene Meis-Mason or Adrian Pitariu.

In the News...

- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Saskatchewan welcomed recent CA graduates in a large ad in the *Leader Post* on Saturday, February 6, 2010 (page F8). The ad featured photos of many University of Regina alumni who successfully completed the UFE exam.
- **Aldene Meis Mason** was interviewed on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 by Dan Zakresky of CBC Radio, regarding how crime statistics relate to employee theft.
- **Lisa Watson** was interviewed on the CBC Radio Blue Sky program from 12:00 – 12:30 on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 regarding the new City of Regina logo and slogan.

Library Corner

In partnership with the Chartered Accountants of Canada (CICA), our U of Regina Library is now able to offer faculty and students a wider collection of databases through the CICA's Tax Suite Premium Package.

CICA's Tax Suite Premium package includes income tax, GST/HST, and provincial tax databases, as well as daily news updates, and can be accessed through the library's database link. Simply type "CICA" under the *Database by Title* field.

These resources now include:

- FITACPTM (Federal Income Tax Collection - Platinum)
- EARL (GST/HST & Excise Tax Collection)
- PERL (Provincial Taxes Collection)
- Knotia News - Income Tax/GST/PST (daily online update bulletins)
- 2 monthly PDF newsletters (Commodity Tax News and Tax Matters)

Any questions about these resources can be directed to **Robert Thomas**, Liaison Librarian for Business Administration, 585-4398

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