

## Important Dates

**Wednesday, February 4**

12:00 – 12:30 p.m. in ED-514  
Faculty Budget Preview

**Friday, February 6**

1:30-2:30 - Candidate Presentation  
4:15-5:00 – Reception, ED-562

**Friday, February 13**

Faculty Council Meeting  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in ED-514

**Friday, February 13**

Teaching Lunch  
12 noon – 1 p.m. in ED-558

**Saturday, February 14**

C.A. Convocation in Saskatoon

**Monday, February 16**

Family Day - Holiday

**Tuesday, February 17**

High School Mini-Lecture Event  
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor – Education Building

**February 17-20**

Reading Week

**Thursday, February 25**

**Charity Fashion Show**

Location: McKenzie Art Gallery  
Business Students' Society

**Thursday, February 26**

Academic Achievement Event  
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.  
Terrace Bldg., 10 Research Drive

**Tuesday, March 3**

CEO Advisory Circle  
12 noon – 2 pm in ED-562/ED-514

## Faculty Budget Presentation - Preview

Faculty and staff members are invited to see a preview of the Faculty Budget Presentation:

**Date:** Wednesday, February 4

**Time:** 12:00-12:30 p.m.

**Place:** ED-514.

The Faculty budget will be presented to the Vice-President (Academic) the following day, so faculty and staff who attend this preview will have the opportunity to provide their input for fine-tuning the presentation.

## Individual Meetings with the Dean

Faculty members who haven't yet done so are invited to set up an individual meeting with **Anne Lavack** to discuss their thoughts and ideas about the challenges and opportunities facing our Faculty. This is your chance to share your suggestions about how we can improve our programs or processes. Each faculty member is asked to please call **Alyce Garratt** to set up a 30-minute appointment.

## Hiring Update

We reported earlier that we have confirmed the following new hires for July 1, 2009:

- **Tatiana Levitt** (Marketing)
- **Sean Tucker** (HR)
- **George Peng** (International Business)
- **Chris Street** (Entrepreneurship – delayed start from July 1, 2008)

Unfortunately, however, Sana Mohsni has declined the position in Finance. Since we were unable to fill the tenure-track Finance position with our top choice of candidate, we will likely be delaying the hiring of a Finance candidate until next year.

This will provide the opportunity to recruit for two tenure-track Accounting positions this year instead, an area in which there is significant need.

We are currently inviting faculty feedback on Accounting candidate **Shelley Lukasewich** (U. of Alberta) who gave a presentation on January 30.

Faculty members will also have the opportunity to meet Accounting candidate **Regan Schmidt** (Queen's) when he is on campus on February 6.

Although we have a total of 7 new tenure-track positions available this year, it's important to note that only 5 of these positions are based on new funding to the Faculty, while 2 positions are funded from within existing Faculty budget. Given uncertainties in the budget, we are recommending a 12-month delay in our plans to hire in Operations Management and in Business Ethics/Strategy until July 1, 2010 (rather than July 1, 2009).

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### Friday, March 13

Faculty Council Meeting  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in ED-558

### Friday, March 13

Teaching Lunch  
12 noon – 1 p.m. in ED-558

### Thursday, March 19

UR Business Showcase  
4:30-6:30 p.m.

### Friday, April 3

12 noon – 2:00 p.m.  
Keg-A-Rama

### Thursday, April 9

Last Day of Classes

### Thursday, April 9

Spring Gala  
6 p.m. Cocktails / 7 p.m. Dinner

### Thursday, April 16

Levene Luncheon Event  
12 noon – 1:30 p.m.  
Conexus Arts Centre,  
Jacqui Shumiatcher Room

### Friday, April 17

Faculty Council Meeting  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in ED-558

## In the News...

- Our **JDC West** team was featured in several news clips after the press conference held last week. These include clips on the 6:00 p.m. news on January 28 on CTV and Global TV, as well as on CKRM radio. Team captains **Jon Di Stasi** and **Tricia Gillis** were quoted in the *Regina Leader-Post*, along with **Anne Lavack** (“U of R places second, again,” January 29, 2009, p. D1).
- **Dan Cameron**, Sessional Lecturer, had a long Letter to the Editor published in the *Regina Leader-Post* last week, dealing with essential services legislation (“Big flaws built into essential services law,” Jan. 29, p. B9).

## Faculty Mission Statement: Next Steps

At last month’s Academic Staff meeting, faculty members agreed on wording for a Faculty Mission Statement (see below). This is an important step toward AACSB accreditation, since all the activities we measure and report must align with our mission statement.

AACSB also requires us to validate this Mission Statement with our stakeholders, including students, alumni, business community, university community, and any other relevant groups. Therefore, over the next few months, we will be talking to various groups about the proposed Faculty Mission Statement, to ensure that our stakeholders are in agreement about its appropriateness.

Once this process is completed, we will bring the Mission Statement back to our Faculty Council for final approval.

## Faculty Mission Statement

*The Faculty of Business Administration is a community of learning that strives to continually develop and share business related theoretical and applied knowledge, critical thinking, and practical skills to anticipate and serve the needs of students, employers, businesses, and society.*

*We achieve this through:*

- *Teaching that prepares ethical and competent leaders, entrepreneurs, and professionals;*
- *Research that expands the body of business, management, and interdisciplinary knowledge and improves practice; and*
- *Service that contributes expertise and leadership to society, business and professions, and the university.*

*We are committed to:*

- *Life-long learning and transformative experiences*
- *Anticipation of, and responsiveness to, emerging needs and opportunities*
- *Entrepreneurial spirit and innovation*
- *A collegial, integrative faculty*
- *Diversity and inclusiveness*
- *Community contributions and linkages*
- *Exposure to international business and diverse cultures*
- *Transparency*
- *Responsibility and accountability*

## Speakers Needed – Project Management

The Regina chapter of the Project Management Institute (PMI) is looking for speakers for its monthly luncheon meetings during 2009-10, usually held the third Thursday each month. Their meetings typically draw 90 to 120 guests, and they are looking for topics in any areas tangentially related to project management.

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer luncheon speaker, please contact Corey McDougall at (306) 694-2673.