

Important Dates

Friday, February 13

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

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Academic Staff Meeting to discuss
U of R Strategic Planning
11:00 a.m. – 12 noon 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.
6th Floor – Education Building
Join us for Pizza Lunch at 12:30

February 17-20

Reading Week

February 23, 24, & 25

Dean Search - Campus Visits
Presentation Time: TBA

Thursday, February 25

Black/White Fashion Night
Business Students' Society
7:00 p.m. at McKenzie Art Gallery
Tickets \$20 from Alyce Garratt

Thursday, February 26

Academic Achievement Event
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Terrace Bldg., 10 Research Drive
Faculty & Staff are
encouraged to attend

Black/White Fashion Night

The Business Students' Society is planning a charity fashion show, Black/White Fashion Night, on Thursday, February 25 at the MacKenzie Art Gallery. The evening begins with a reception and cash bar at 7:00 p.m., and the fashion show begins at 8:00 p.m. Proceeds from the evening will go to the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada. Tickets are only \$20 and are available from **Alyce Garratt**. Tickets for faculty and staff members and their business-related guests may be charged to APEA accounts.

Master's Cert. in Project Management

One of the motions at this week's Faculty Council meeting will introduce a new *Master's Certificate in Project Management*. This proposed new Master's Certificate is comprised of 3 GBUS courses (i.e., the same format as the other Master's Certificates we offer).

The GBUS 865 Project Management course is a required course within this proposed Master's Certificate. The other two courses within this proposed Master's Certificate will be offered from a prescribed list of our existing GBUS courses. Specific details are outlined in the appendix to the Faculty Council agenda that was distributed earlier this week.

BUS 007 as Prerequisite for BUS 375

A motion at this week's Faculty Council meeting will recommend that BUS 007 (Business Computer Lab) be added as a prerequisite for BUS 375 (Managing Information Systems).

BUS 007 (Business Computer Lab) is supposed to be taken by students during their first semester in the Bachelor of Business Administration program. However, with student registration taking place through UR Self-Service, it is not possible to ensure this is done. There have been a number of recent cases where students have had their graduation from the BBA delayed due to not having successfully completed BUS 007, therefore being unable to register for BUS 400 (Business Strategy). The prerequisites for BUS 400 are completion of all core business administration courses plus a minimum of 90 credit hours.

Making BUS 007 a prerequisite for BUS 375 (Managing Information Systems) will help avoid this situation to some degree. BUS 375 is a core business administration course, and students will become aware earlier that they have not satisfied the requirement to complete BUS 007.

Teaching Lunch – Friday, Feb. 13

Our Teaching Lunch on Fri., Feb. 13 at 12 noon will discuss "Experiences with Navigating the URCourses Transition," led by **Saqib Kahn**.

Important Dates

Tuesday, March 3

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

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 – 2 p.m. – Conexus Arts Centre

Friday, April 17

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

U of R Strategic Planning

At this week's Academic Staff meeting (Friday, February 13 at 11:00 a.m.), members of the University of Regina Strategic Planning Facilitation Team will be on hand to lead a discussion about the U of R's strategic plan. Our own **Bruce Anderson** is a member of this team, in his role as 2009 President of the Regina & District Chamber of Commerce.

Faculty members are encouraged to attend and share their views about what issues and areas of focus they feel the strategic plan should encompass.

SIAST Transfer Credit – Faculty Council

This week's Faculty Council meeting will bring forward an important motion relating to SIAST transfer credit, in order to make it more attractive for SIAST certificate or diploma graduates to enter the Faculty of Business Administration and complete the Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

Many of you are aware that Campus Saskatchewan is a province-wide initiative intended to remove barriers and enable students to complete academic programs by taking courses from more than one Saskatchewan institution. Given this mandate to improve transferability of credit hours between educational institutions, the University of Regina has been examining ways to make it simpler for SIAST graduates to enter the U of R with full credit for their SIAST course work.

As part of this effort, the Faculty of Business Administration has undertaken a comprehensive examination of several SIAST programs in order to determine the specific transfer credits that can be offered. The objective is to offer SIAST graduates the full 30 credit hours for SIAST 1-year programs and the full 60 credit hours for SIAST 2-year programs (provided that students graduate from SIAST with a minimum PGPA of 65%).

Over the past several months, business faculty members have been consulted about the comparability of various SIAST courses with U of R courses, in order to determine course equivalencies. These equivalencies have been outlined in the appendix that was distributed with the Faculty Council agenda. Courses in several SIAST programs were examined, as outlined in the following table.

SIAST Program	Transfer Credit Recommended
Business Certificate	30 credit hours
Business Accountancy Diploma	60 credit hours
Business Administration Diploma	60 credit hours
Business Financial Services Specialty Diploma	60 credit hours
Business Human Resources Diploma	60 credit hours
Business Information Systems Diploma	60 credit hours
Business Marketing Diploma	60 credit hours

Graduates from the above SIAST programs would benefit from the ability to achieve a smooth transfer into the U of R's Faculty of Business Administration, making it more attractive for SIAST graduates to enter the U of R. This would provide a significant benefit to U of R in the current environment where student recruitment has a very high priority.

High School Recruitment Event

Our first Business Administration high school recruitment and information event takes place on Tues., Feb. 17 on the 6th floor of the Education Building. The day begins with registration at 9:30 a.m., followed by mini-lectures and guest lectures from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. - 2:40 p.m. Faculty and staff members are encouraged to join us for pizza lunch at 12:30! Thanks to all the faculty members, alumni, and business professionals who have volunteered to give mini-lectures!