

Important Dates

Friday, May 29

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

Wednesday, June 3

EMBA Convocation Lunch
Conexus Arts Centre
11:30-1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 3

Convocation
2:00 p.m. at Conexus Arts Centre

Saturday, June 6

Teaching Workshop for
Sessional Lecturers
(All Faculty members welcome!)

Sat., June 6 - Tues., June 9

ASAC Conference in Niagara Falls

Thursday, June 18

Last Day of Spring Classes

Friday, June 19

Faculty Council Meeting
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. in ED-514

Friday, June 12

Alyce Garratt's Retirement Party
3:00-5:00 p.m. in ED-562

Friday, June 19

Jack Ito's Retirement Party
3:30 – 5:30 p.m. at University Club

Sat., June 20 – Wed., June 24

Spring Semester – Exam Period

Thursday, July 2

First Day of Summer Classes

Tuesday, August 18

Last Day of Summer Classes

Fri., Aug. 21 – Tues., Aug. 25

Summer Semester – Exam Period

Business School Deans

Anne Lavack spent May 24-26 in Victoria, B.C. at the semi-annual meetings of the Canadian Federation of Business School Deans. One of the important topics on the agenda related to the recent release of the Council of Canadian Academies *Report on the Relevance of Management, Business and Finance Research in Canada*. Prepared at the request of SSHRC, this report recommends that a targeted knowledge translation effort be developed to provide research funding in key business areas and ensure knowledge translation to the business community.

A second key area of discussion involved **creating a brand for Canadian business schools**, in order to enable the joint promotion of Canadian business schools to international students. Australia has done this very successfully throughout Asia, and there are lessons for Canada based on the Australian efforts.

A third topic focused on **best practices in undergraduate and graduate programs**. In a *Dragons' Den* style format, Anne Lavack competed against three other business schools (Laval, Carleton, and Lethbridge) in giving a 10-minute presentation on why the undergraduate program at the Paul J. Hill School of Business is the best in Canada. Her presentation focused on the high level of community involvement inherent in U of Regina's business program, including the CEO Advisory Circle, business sponsorship of student events at JDC West and other competitions, faculty member involvement in the business community, and the upcoming role of the business community in the 4th year mentorship program being rolled out for Fall 2009. While we did not 'win' the competition, the result was a significantly heightened awareness of the size and scope of the BBA program at University of Regina.

The conference closed with a **half-day AACSB workshop**, which provided useful insights into the AACSB accreditation process.

ACE Competition - Update

Our ACE Regina team travelled to Toronto May 3-7, 2009 to compete at the ACE National Exposition. The team was accompanied by professors **Bryan Austin** and **Dwight Heinrichs**. The presentation team of **Chelsea Dreger**, **Mukesh Rambaran**, and **Jeff Myers** developed and delivered an excellent presentation which received many positive comments from those in attendance.

Unfortunately, the team was situated in a strong division and did not advance to the semi-final round. After their practice session with the faculty, the students had worked very hard for the next four days to develop a professional presentation. The students wish to thank the faculty for their support and constructive comments.

Journal Article

Congratulations to Wally Lockhart on having the following journal article accepted for publication:

- Lockhart, Wallace & Backman, Allen (2009, forthcoming), "Healthcare Management Competencies - Identifying the GAPS," *Healthcare Management Forum*.

Retirement

We have two upcoming retirement parties:

- June 12 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in ED-562 for **Alyce Garratt**
- June 19 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the University Club for **Jack Ito**

We will be issuing an open invitation to the university community to attend these two retirement celebrations.

WebCT / UR Courses

WebCT will no longer be accessible to users after August 31, 2009. If you have a course that exists in WebCT, you will need to convert it to UR Courses before this date.

Executive MBA Convocation Lunch

All faculty members are invited to join us at the Executive MBA Convocation lunch, taking place on **Wednesday, June 3** at the Conexus Arts Centre. Executive MBA convocants will be presented with their MBA pins and Convocation composite photos. Please join us to say farewell to the graduating Executive MBA class and their family members. We also encourage all faculty members to attend Convocation, with gowning taking place at 1:30 p.m. on June 3 at the Conexus Arts Centre.

Dr. Anne Lavack Named Dean

Acting Dean, Dr. Anne Lavack has agreed to accept the position of Dean, Faculty of Business Administration effective June 1, 2009.

As a senior administrator with the University of Regina, Anne has contributed her talents and experience to several different leadership initiatives: as Acting Dean, Faculty of Business Administration, as Associate Dean and Director of the Kenneth Levene Graduate School of Business, and as a respected professor in the classroom. Throughout the search process and her work with the University, it is evident that Anne has a strong familiarity with the University and the Faculty of Business Administration's strengths and opportunities.

In her role as Acting Dean, Anne has provided exceptional leadership in the continuing strategic management and enrolment growth of the Kenneth Levene Graduate School of Business, the successful introduction of the Master's Certificate programs, and the development of a student-centered approach for applicants to business graduate programs.

Her personal advocacy skills in building partnerships which further advance the interests of the Faculty and students are evidenced in her community participation. Anne is involved in the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce Task Force and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Regina & District Chamber of Commerce.

Anne brings strong leadership and administrative skills to the Paul J. Hill School of Business and to the Kenneth Levene Graduate School of Business. I look forward to working with Anne and the Faculty as they continue to develop and mentor our next generation of business leaders and community minded citizens.

Please join me in congratulating Anne as our next Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration.

- *Dr. Gary Boire, Vice President (Academic)*

Rupert's Land CB Conference

Both **Lisa Watson** and **Anne Lavack** presented their research at the inaugural *Rupert's Land Consumer Behaviour Conference* in Winnipeg on May 22-23, 2009, organized by the Asper School of Business at the University of Manitoba. Lisa Watson presented her research on Consumer Entitlement, while Anne Lavack presented her joint research (with **Magdalena Cismaru**) on how Protection Motivation Theory applies to social marketing campaigns.