

## Important Dates

### Monday, August 3

Civic Holiday – University closed

### Monday, August 17

Hill-Ivey Scholarship Celebration  
10:00 a.m. in ED-514

### Tuesday, August 18

Last Day of Summer Classes

### Fri., Aug. 21 – Tues., Aug. 25

Summer Semester – Exam Period

### Sat/Sun August 22/23 & 29/30

EMBA Weekend Workshops

### Thursday, August 27

Coffee with new EMBA Group  
2:45-3:00 p.m.

### Monday, August 31

Faculty Retreat  
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Location - TBA

### Wed/Thurs, September 1 & 2

New Faculty Orientation  
(for new faculty members only)

### Thursday, September 3

Orientation Day  
10:45 Parent Orientation Session  
3:30-4:45 Info Session for New  
Students at the Owl

### Friday, September 4

1<sup>st</sup> Day of EMBA classes–Cohort 4

### Saturday, September 5

1<sup>st</sup> Day of EMBA classes–Cohort 3

### Monday, September 7

Labour Day – University Closed

## New Faculty Member – Adrian Pitariu

We are pleased to announce that **Adrian Pitariu** will be joining the Faculty of Business Administration as an Assistant Professor on August 1, 2009.

Dr. Pitariu is currently a sessional lecturer at York University and University of Toronto. He has a Ph.D. in Organizational Behaviour from the University of South Carolina, as well as a Ph.D. in Psychology from Babeş-Bolyai University in Romania.

## New U of R Logo

The University of Regina has adopted a new logo, which can be downloaded from the following website:

<http://www.uregina.ca/news/visualidentity.php?PHPSESSID=36e17928aee343bc141bfde9b54448b3>



The official launch for this new logo will be September 1, 2009, but members of the university community are encouraged to begin using the new logo now, particularly for brochures, posters, or other printed materials that will be kept in stock.

## Faculty Retreat – Monday, August 31

The topic for the upcoming Faculty Retreat on Monday, August 31 will be Strategic Planning. We will be discussing future directions for the Faculty of Business Administration, tying in with the University of Regina's 5-year strategic plan.

Reading materials will be distributed in mid-August.

## GBUS 844 Labor Rel. & Collective Barg.

Students in **Dan Cameron's** recent GBUS 844 class prepared impressive research papers on the topic of the BC Liberal Government's Bill 29. This Bill was struck down in a 6 to 1 decision by the Supreme Court of Canada, who stated that, "the measures adopted by the government constitute a virtual denial of right to a process of good faith bargaining and consultation." The Supreme Court decision affirmed collective bargaining as a constitutionally protected right, reversing the Court's prior rulings. With the permission of students in the course, their term papers were shared with the course's guest speakers, who were impressed by the calibre and insightfulness of the students' arguments.

## Important Dates

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### Tuesday, September 8

First day of Fall Classes

### Friday, September 11

Faculty Council

10:00-11:30 a.m. in ED-558

### Friday, September 25

BSS Golf Tournament

### Friday, October 9

Faculty Council

10:00-11:30 a.m. in ED-558

### Monday, October 12

Thanksgiving – University Closed

### Thursday, October 29

CEO Advisory Circle

12 noon – 2:00 p.m. in ED-562/514

### Thursday, October 29

36<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Dinner

Delta Hotel

6 pm Cocktails; 7 pm Dinner

## In the News...

- The *Regina Leader-Post* ran a story on Saturday, June 27, 2009 about the appointment of **Anne Lavack** as Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration (“U of R appoints dean,” p. F4).
- **Jack Ito** was featured in an article in the *Regina Leader-Post* on Monday, July 6, highlighting his career at the University of Regina (“Education key in securing employment,” p. D1).

## Correction - CMA

Last week’s newsletter incorrectly reported that on June 24 & 25, 2009, Wally Lockhart was part of the board committee to whom CGA candidates presented their final Board Reports. This should have read **CMA**, not CGA.

## Business Dinner Speaker Confirmed

The speaker for the 2009 Business Dinner on October 29, 2009 has been confirmed as **Rebecca MacDonald**, founder and Executive Chair of Just Energy (formerly Energy Savings Income Fund), a \$1.5 billion Canadian company.

Rebecca MacDonald emigrated to Canada with a medical degree in 1974, but found herself unable to work as a medical doctor in Canada. She quickly learned English by night while working in a clerical position. She became involved in a door-to-door marketing business called Toronto Water Filters in 1978. In 1989 she formed Energy Marketing Inc., a company focused on door-to-door natural gas sales, which became the largest energy marketer in Ontario by the mid 1990s. The company was involved in retailing natural gas in the newly deregulated Ontario market.

Rebecca MacDonald sold Energy Marketing Inc. in 1996, and started Ontario Energy Savings Corp. (OESC) in 1997, allowing homeowners to lock in a price on their natural gas purchases for up to five years ahead. She took OESC public in 2001 under the name Energy Savings Income Fund (ESIF), at the same time expanding her energy re-selling business into other Canadian and US markets. From its inception, ESIF has grown from 37,500 customers to 1.3 million customers, with annual revenues of over \$1.5 billion, making it the most successful income trust in Canadian history. This tremendous growth was achieved within the company without taking on any debt. The stock price of the company has risen more than 700% since it first went public.

Rebecca MacDonald has received many honours and awards. She was awarded the Canadian Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Award in 2002. She was also listed in Profit Magazine’s Top 100 Women Entrepreneurs for five consecutive years (2003-2007), based on ESIF’s annual revenues of \$1.53 billion. In 2009, she was the recipient of the International Horatio Alger Award.

She is a well-known philanthropist, having donated large sums to a variety of causes. In 2002 she donated \$3 million to Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital to build a rheumatoid arthritis centre.

## Bob Anderson – Adjunct at Simon Fraser

The major SSHRC grant that **Bob Anderson** received last year included a SSHRC-funded research time stipend (RTS), which provides him with teaching release. He will be using his teaching release this year to spend Fall 2009 and Winter 2010 semesters in greater Vancouver, where he will be located at the SFU Venture Connection office, an interdisciplinary hub for entrepreneurial activity located at Simon Fraser University’s Surrey campus. While there, he will be working on his research and the ASAC 2010 conference.

Simon Fraser University has granted Bob Anderson status as an Adjunct Professor / Visiting Professor. Bob will be back at University of Regina in the Spring 2010 for the ASAC Conference being held in Regina, and will teach during the Spring/Summer 2010 session.

Please wish Bob well on this new initiative!