

Faculty of Business Administration

NEWS

Wednesday, November 21, 2007

Important Dates

Friday, November 23

9:30-10:30 a.m. – ED-558

Workshop for Faculty Members

Preparing for your

Annual Performance Review

Led by Morina Rennie

Friday, November 23

10:30-11:30 a.m. – ED-558

Consultation Meeting regarding

Dean / Acting Dean

Led by Assoc. VP Murray Knuttila

Friday, November 23

11:30-12:30 a.m. – ED-558

Faculty Council Meeting

Friday, November 23

12:30-1:30 p.m. – ED-558

Faculty Teaching Lunch

Topic: *Special Needs Requests*

Guest Speaker: Lisa Righetti

Friday, November 30

5:00-6:30 p.m. – ED-562

Executive MBA (Cohort #2)

End-of-Semester Celebration

All faculty members welcome!

Saturday, December 1

5:00-6:30 p.m. – University Club

Executive MBA (Cohort #1)

End-of-Semester Celebration

All faculty members welcome!

Thursday, December 6

**Farewell Party for Garnet Garven
(& Annual Christmas Party)**

6 p.m. Cocktails, 7 p.m. Dinner

Royal Regina Golf Club

All Faculty of Business

Administration faculty, sessional

instructors, APT staff, & CUPE

staff are invited



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Why a Newsletter?

The idea behind this newsletter is to keep faculty and staff up-to-date on the many activities taking place within the Faculty of Business.

This newsletter is a forum for finding out about initiatives going on within the faculty, as well as for sharing teaching insights and research achievements.

We will also highlight our connections with the outside world, as well as the achievements of our students.

We hope to bring out this newsletter twice a month. So if you have news to share, please pass it along to me at: anne.lavack@uregina.ca

By the way, we need a catchy name for this newsletter – so please forward your suggestions!

-- Anne Lavack

Faculty Consultation re: Dean / Acting Dean

Full-time faculty and staff are invited to attend a Consultation meeting regarding the position of Dean / Acting Dean on Friday, Nov. 23 at 10:30 a.m. in ED-558. Associate Vice-President (Academic) Murray Knuttila will be leading this meeting to seek your thoughts and opinions on the issue. If you are unable to attend, you can share your thoughts with him via e-mail: murray.knuttila@uregina.ca

Teaching Lunch – Friday, Nov. 23 at 12:30 p.m.

The Teaching Committee has another Teaching Lunch planned for you! It will be held this Friday, November 23 from 12:30 to 1:30 in room 558. Sandwiches and drinks will be provided. The topic for this lunch is *Special Needs Requests*. Lisa Righetti from the Disability Resource Office will be attending. She will give a brief fifteen or twenty minute presentation and will be available to answer questions afterwards.

We hope that this lunch will provide faculty members with some information regarding the special needs process, our duties as they relate to special needs accommodations, and, as always, provide everyone with an opportunity to enjoy each other's company.

In order to help with the sandwich order, please email Ron Baker at ronald.baker@uregina.ca if you plan to attend (we don't want anyone going hungry).

We're looking forward to seeing you there.

CUPE Update

The University of Regina and CUPE bargaining teams are meeting with a Conciliator this week.

Christmas Party Update

Because our Christmas Party will also be **Garnet Garven's** farewell party, we will not be charging for tickets to the event this year. All faculty, sessional instructors, and staff are invited, including CUPE staff, of course. The event takes place on Thursday, December 6 at the Royal Regina Golf Club (Cocktails at 6 p.m., Dinner at 7 p.m.). Invitations will be distributed very soon.

Faculty Administrator – Joanne Bance

On December 3, 2007, we will be joined by **Joanne Bance**, our new Faculty Administrator. Joanne is a graduate of our MHRM program and has many years of public sector experience. She will be a valuable asset to our faculty, and Sheila Potts is committed to helping Joanne become familiar with the responsibilities of her new position.

Dean's Executive Committee

As Acting Dean, I will seek counsel and receive advice on a regular basis from the Dean's Executive Committee (DEC). DEC is comprised of the associate deans (Morina Rennie, Glenys Sylvestre, and Rob Giberson), as well as our Faculty Administrator. The frequency of DEC meetings has varied over the past few years, from weekly to irregularly. I plan to institute weekly DEC meetings, since I value the advice and input of this team. -- *Anne Lavack*

Hill Announcement

Many in our faculty are excited about the \$10 million donation and renaming of our undergraduate program as the Paul J. Hill School of Business – but what does it involve? Here are some of the key initiatives:

1. Each year we will award up to six scholarships of \$40,000 over two years, to cover tuition costs for students to complete Years 3 & 4 of their business studies in the Honours Business Administration (HBA) program at the Richard Ivey School of Business. Availability of these scholarships will help us attract students for Year 1 & 2 who may not otherwise have considered coming to the U of R. (Please note that this will not change the way we teach Year 1 & 2; we will simply counsel students differently regarding course selection if they are planning to go to Ivey for Year 3 & 4.)
2. We will introduce Ph.D. Fellowships to provide funding to our faculty colleagues who wish to complete a Ph.D. at Ivey, available on a competitive basis.
3. Our faculty members may have the opportunity to spend a semester (or their sabbatical) at Ivey, involved in teaching, writing cases, or conducting research, according to their own particular interests. Ivey faculty members and Ph.D. students will be encouraged to visit us for a semester or sabbatical for similar purposes. Funding will be available to facilitate these exchanges.
4. Funds will be available for case-writing initiatives. Similar to our process of applying for Faculty Research funds, faculty members will be able to apply for Faculty Case-Writing funds, to write cases in collaboration with a Ivey Faculty member.
5. We will enable more faculty members to participate in Ivey's case-teaching and case-writing week-long workshops, by arranging to hold these workshops in Regina.

We have an opportunity in the longer run to offer Year 3 & 4 of an HBA style program right here at the University of Regina. However, this could only happen if there was sufficient student demand to create a cohort of 30-40 students per year interested in pursuing the HBA.

In the mean time, many faculty members wonder whether they need to change their current undergraduate courses to make them more case based. Please be assured that there is no requirement for faculty members to include more cases within their courses in our current curriculum, unless faculty members wish to do so.

Final Exams

Preparations are under way to ensure that final exams run smoothly. Please check the Final Exam Schedule that will be published next week, and let your class know where their Final Exam will be held. If you teach evening or Saturday classes, please make sure you pick up exam booklets in advance of your exam date.