

## Important Dates

**Thursday, April 3**  
**Regina Chamber of Commerce**  
**Paragon Awards**  
6 pm Cocktails, 7 pm Dinner

**Friday, April 4**  
**Keg-a-rama**

**Saturday, April 5**  
**Executive MBA Celebration**  
4:45-6:30 p.m. in ED-562  
EMBA faculty encouraged to attend

**Monday, April 7**  
**BSS Thank-you Event at the**  
**Broken Rack (Golden Mile)**  
4:30-7:30 p.m.

**Friday, April 11**  
**8:15 a.m. – 12 noon, ED-514**  
Aboriginal Awareness Workshop  
All Faculty & Staff should attend

**Friday, April 11**  
**Spring Gala**  
6 pm Cocktails, 7 pm Dinner

**Friday, May 2**  
**Faculty Council Meeting**  
10:00-11:30 a.m. in ED-514

**May 5, 6, & 7 (Mon/Tue/Wed)**  
**Ivey Case Teaching Workshop**  
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in ED-514

**Wednesday, June 4**  
**2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**  
**Convocation for MHRM, MBA,**  
**Executive MBA, & BBA**  
Conexus Arts Centre

**Saturday, June 7**  
**9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**  
**Teaching Workshop**

## Broken Rack – BSS Thank-you Event

Faculty, staff, and sessional instructors are invited to join members of the URBusiness Students Society (URBSS) on **Monday, April 7** from 4:30-7:30 p.m. upstairs at the Broken Rack (located at the south end of the Golden Mile Shopping Centre). Come and enjoy a snack and beverage with the hard-working leaders from our student society, and challenge them to a few rounds of pool. Your new URBSS Executive consists of:

<i>President</i>	Lee Forsberg	<i>VP External</i>	Joanne Helm
<i>VP Internal</i>	Marissa Leclair	<i>VP Finance</i>	Brett Glazer
<i>JDC Co-Captain:</i>	Tricia Gillis	<i>VP Marketing</i>	Riley Pawliw
<i>JDC Co-Captain:</i>	Jon Di Stasi		

## Keg-a-rama

The 36th Annual **Keg-A-Rama** is taking place this week on **Friday, April 4, 2008**, organized by the UR Business Students Society. This year's event will consist of a team relay as well as an obstacle course.

Rae is organizing a faculty team that must consist of a minimum of 10 people. The team will need to raise a minimum total of \$400 in pledges, which works out to about \$40.00 per person – so please pledge your support generously when they approach you! Also, come out and support our team in the race. They leave the starting line at Riddell Centre at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, April 4, so come out and cheer them on as they start the race.

## Aboriginal Awareness Workshop

Please mark your calendars for the morning of **Friday, April 11**, when we will be holding the Aboriginal Awareness Workshop. All full-time faculty members and staff members (including APT and CUPE staff members) should attend this workshop from 8:15 a.m. – 12:00 noon in ED-514. Please RSVP your attendance to Alyce Garratt.

Since attendance at the Aboriginal Awareness Workshop is mandatory for all U of R employees, those who cannot attend on April 11 can sign up for the session on the morning of Saturday, June 7 instead, when our Sessional Lecturers will be participating in this workshop. If neither of these dates works for you, please see Anne Lavack to arrange for an alternate date.

## Spring Gala

The Business Students Society is organizing the annual Spring Gala event on **Friday, April 11** at the Hotel Saskatchewan. Cocktails will be at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$40.00 and are available from Alyce Garratt. Your ticket can be charged to your APEA (but tickets for spouses or partners should not be charged to APEA).

## Research Grants

Congratulations to our SSHRC grant recipients:

- **Bob Anderson** (principal investigator) and **Ron Camp** (co-investigator) received \$157,000 over three years (“*Finding the Balance in the Bioeconomy: New Partnerships between Indigenous Socioeconomic Enterprises, Research Institutions, and Corporations*”).
- **Bill Bonner** (sole investigator) received \$55,064 over three years (“Information technologies and the privacy paradox: Tracing its development”).
- **Bob Anderson** is also a co-investigator on three other SSHRC grant applications with colleagues at the University of Western Ontario, which were also announced as being successful: (1) \$2.1 million over 7 years in the *Strategic Cluster*; (2) \$300,000 over 3 years in the *Knowledge Impact in Society* competition; (3) \$106,900 in the Standard Grant competition (“Entrepreneurship among Persons with a Disability”).

## Showcase Publicity

Our Showcase event was a great success, attracting about 250 people in total. Thanks to all who attended! **Anne Lavack** and **Brittany Hoffman** (student organizer of *Showcase* and the daughter of one of our Executive MBA participants) were quoted in a *Leader-Post* article about the *Showcase* event (“Pressing the flesh at U of R job fair,” Wed., March 26, p. A2; re-printed under the headline “Students meet contacts” in the *Sun* on Sunday, March 30 on p. 49). Both were also featured on *Global TV* evening news on Tuesday, March 25.

## In the News...

- **Sylvain Charlebois** had one of his *Leader-Post* articles reprinted in the *Globe & Mail* this week (“Higher prices may be healthy for consumers,” Tuesday, March 25, 2008).
- **Alan Levy** was quoted in the *Globe & Mail* this week about conflict resolution issues relating to front-line Toronto city workers dealing with increasing levels of harassment and aggression from members of the public (“It’s getting rougher dealing with the public, Saturday, March 29, 2008).

## Policy about Final Exams

It is a policy in our Faculty that we have final exams in all undergraduate courses, unless the course instructor has received prior written permission from the Associate Dean (Undergraduate). An undergraduate course would only be permitted to not have a final exam if a strong pedagogical argument were put forward to, and approved by, the Associate Dean (Undergraduate). Take-home exams may not be substituted for final exams written in the official time period.

Final exams must be written by all students in the time period that is allocated by the Registrar’s office. Instructors may not schedule an alternate date for a final exam for the entire class or for any individual student. Individual student requests for deferred exams must be made in writing to the Associate Dean (Undergraduate).

## Course Coordinators

Although we may have several instructors involved in teaching different sections of the same course, it is desirable to have consistency and uniformity of course content across the various sections

To achieve this end, we propose that a collegial process be used, whereby the instructors who teach different sections of the same course will agree on a textbook, course outline format, course content, and student evaluation framework.

To aid this process, we advocate choosing a Course Coordinator for each course. The Course Coordinator would ordinarily be one of the more senior full-time faculty members who teach a given course. This person would be responsible for the following:

- Setting up at least one meeting annually for all instructors for a given course.
- Ensuring that the same textbooks are used in all sections of the same course (selected by agreement among the instructors).
- Ensuring that there is a common course outline format and course content for all sections of the same course (arrived at by agreement among the instructors).
- Ensure that the same student evaluation framework is used in all sections of the same course (arrived at by agreement among the instructors).

Associate Dean Glenys Sylvestre will be consulting with area groups to identify a Course Coordinator for each of our courses, and to get the coordination process started.