

Important Dates

Wednesday, April 9

11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., ED-514

Dragon's Den Auditions

Thursday, April 10

1:30 p.m. in the new Lab Bldg.

Long Service Awards

Friday, April 11

8:15 a.m. – 12 noon, ED-514

Aboriginal Awareness Workshop

All Faculty & Staff should attend

Please RSVP to Alyce Garratt

Friday, April 11

Spring Gala

6 pm Cocktails, 7 pm Dinner

Hotel Saskatchewan

Tickets \$40 from Alyce Garratt

Tuesday, April 22

11:00-1:30 p.m.

Administrative Professionals Lunch

at the Conexus Arts Centre

All CUPE and APT staff members

are invited to be our

special guests at this event.

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. each day

Wednesday, June 4

2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Convocation for MHRM, MBA,

Executive MBA, & BBA

Conexus Arts Centre

(EMBA Convocation Lunch

from 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

Dragon's Den Auditions – April 9

The Paul J. Hill School of Business is hosting auditions for the *Dragon's Den* on Wednesday, April 9 from 11 a.m. – 7 pm. Those successful in the auditions will appear on the *Dragon's Den* during the Fall 2008 TV season.

The *Dragon's Den* provides a great opportunity for entrepreneurs to pitch their idea to a group of wealthy business people, who will invest their own money in the winning ideas. The show is particularly looking for student entrepreneurs during this round of auditions.

Anyone interested in auditioning should fill out the application form on the *Dragon's Den* website, and bring it with them to the audition:

<http://www.cbc.ca/dragonsden>

On April 9, Room ED-514 will be the waiting room for those who hope to audition. Room ED-509 (Dean's Boardroom) will be where the show's producers will be conducting each individual audition.

JDC Team at the Premier's Office

Our JDC West team enjoyed a visit to the Premier's Office to meet Premier Brad Wall on Monday, April 7. This was followed by recognition from provincial MLAs in the legislature to congratulate the team on its significant achievement in the JDC West business competition.

Dean's Research Grant Program

The next deadline for the Dean's Research Grant program is **May 5, 2008**. The fund aims to provide financial support for high quality research projects that are intended to result in a peer-reviewed publication, and that will have a member of the Faculty of Business Administration as principal investigator. The maximum amount to be requested is \$5,000. Applicants may receive a maximum of \$5,000 in a given academic year (May 1 – April 30). Grants cannot be used for conference travel or buying teaching release.

Faculty members can apply by completing the Dean's Research Grant Application form at:

http://www.uregina.ca/admin/Faculty_Information/dean_research_grant.html

Please see Alyce Garratt if you need a password to access the Faculty Information section of our website.

David Senkow – 15 Years of Service

David Senkow is being honoured this week for 15 years of service at the University of Regina. Everyone is welcome to attend the Long Service Awards Ceremony, being held on **Thursday, April 10, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.** in the lounge area on the main floor of the new Lab Building, where David will receive his Long Service Awards.

APEA

Provisions in the current collective agreements permit unspent APEA (Accountable Professional Expense Accounts) funds to be carried forward into the next fiscal year. However, the total available for spending within your account cannot exceed three times the current fiscal year's allocation. (i.e., if your 2009 entitlement is \$1,000 you cannot have more than \$3,000 in your account once your carry-forward has been brought in).

Expenses claimed within a fiscal year must be for that fiscal year. Therefore, if your receipts are dated within the 2008 fiscal year (May 1, 2007 through April 30, 2008), reimbursement must be recorded within that period.

There is one exception to this rule. If you have prepaid in one fiscal year for goods or services which will be received in the next fiscal year, in order to obtain a reduced cost, you may claim the expense in either the fiscal year the payment was made (subject to funds being available in your account), or in the fiscal year the goods or services will be obtained. The qualifying requirement is that a saving occurred because of the prepayment (for example, early-bird conference fees or airline bookings).

Paragon Awards

Thank you to faculty members who joined us at the Paragon Awards on Thursday, April 3 at the Ipsco Turvey Centre. We were fortunate to have 6 additional tickets donated to our business students by the Saskatchewan Roughriders, so we had a total of 10 business students and 4 business faculty members in attendance. Congratulations to the businesses that were honored at this event!

Policy about Not Canceling Classes

It is a policy in our Faculty that we do not cancel classes, except in case of last-minute illness of the professor. Class time is already very limited to cover the vast amount of material in any given field, so we cannot afford to deny students a learning opportunity. Please do not give your students a 'study class,' or a 'project class' during your planned absence.

When professors know in advance that they will be away (e.g., for a conference, surgery, etc.), it is their responsibility to find another professor to handle their class that day. Don't be shy to ask someone – we all have to be away from time to time, so most of us are very willing to do favours for one another.

In case of illness, we can often find someone to take your class at the last minute. For example, if you let us know at 8:30 a.m. that you will be unavailable to teach your class later that day, there is every likelihood that we can find someone to step in and handle it.

We recommend that instructors have an **absence contingency plan**. This might consist of a video, a short case, or some type of participatory exercise (e.g., role playing, a debate, or short impromptu presentations on a topic relevant to your course) that can be used in your course on short notice by another instructor. Keep this in your office in a location that is easy to find (tell your colleagues where it is, or give it to them at the beginning of the semester!), so that in your absence we can find it and deliver it to your class.

Be sure to contact both Glenys Sylvestre 585-4964 and Alyce Garratt 585-4435 if you will be absent due to illness

Congratulations...

- Congratulations to our student athletes in the Paul J. Hill School of Business who received awards at the 33rd Athletic Awards Night, held on Wednesday, April 2 at Riddell Centre:
 - **Janeen Snell** was named *Most Valuable Player in Women's Soccer*
 - **Corrin Wersta**, B.Admin. alumna, was admitted to the *University of Regina Sports Hall of Fame*
 - **Teale Orban** was named *Male Athlete of the Year*
- Congratulations to **Sonya Buys, CA**, a B.Admin. alumna who will receive the Distinguished Service Award (DSA) from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta for her work with Junior Achievement of Northern Alberta.

In the News...

- **Alan Levy** was interviewed by Canwest News Service about April Fool's Day and its implications for appropriate use of humor in the workplace ("Prank protocol varies by province," by Martha Worboy, April 1, 2008). The article ran in Canwest newspapers across Canada.
- The URBSS 36th annual **Keg-a-Rama** event was featured on both CTV and Global evening news on Friday, April 4. A photo was also featured in the *Leader-Post* on Saturday, April 5.