

## Important Dates

**Tuesday, June 3**

**4:45-5:30 p.m. in ED-562**

*Meet the Levene Advisory Board*

**Wednesday, June 4**

**11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

*Executive MBA Convocation Lunch*

Conexus Arts Centre - Theatre Lobby

EMBA Instructors should attend

Please RSVP to Rhoda Ferner

**Wednesday, June 4**

**2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

*Convocation for MHRM, MBA,  
Executive MBA, & BBA*

Conexus Arts Centre

All full-time faculty members are  
encouraged to attend.

**Friday, June 6**

**10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

Faculty Council Meeting

**11:00 a.m. – 12 noon**

Academic Staff Meeting

**Saturday, June 7**

**8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. in ED-514**

*Teaching Workshop*

*(& Aboriginal Awareness Workshop)*

All sessional lecturers & full-time  
faculty members are welcome.

**Wednesday, June 18**

**7:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

*Deloitte Women's Spring Breakfast*

Delta Hotel

**Tuesday, September 2**

Classes Resume

**September 4, 5, & 6**

Ivey Case-Writing Workshop

ED-514 & ED-558

## Faculty Budget

The Faculty of Business Administration has now closed out the 2007/08 fiscal year, ending with a deficit of \$160,000. We will need to repay this deficit out of our 2008/09 budget.

This is the first time in memory that our Faculty has ended the year with a deficit; however, it was an important signal to the University that we cannot indefinitely continue to manage the Faculty of Business Administration on less-than-adequate funding.

As a result of senior administration's favourable response to our Budget Presentation back in February, we now have some good news about our Faculty's 2008/09 budget:

- We will receive an additional \$300 per MBA course enrolment, as a result of an MBA material fee that has been implemented effective September 1. This funding will be used to purchase textbooks, cases, and materials for each MBA student, so that MBA students will receive the same level of service that we currently offer to MHRM students.
- We will continue to receive funding for recruitment and support of international students, as a result of implementing an international services fee.
- For the 2008-09 fiscal year, we have additional base-budget funding to hire three sessional lecturers on one-year terms, beginning July 1, 2008.
- We have permission to hire five new tenure-track faculty members with appointments to commence on or after July 1, 2009.
- We will receive a small equipment allocation, enabling us to upgrade some of the computer equipment in our computer lab and elsewhere.
- We have received funding for our Initiatives Fund proposal, which involves examining the feasibility of initiating a China cohort in our Executive MBA program.

We are pleased that the University has recognized the on-going work of our faculty and staff members in ensuring student satisfaction, as well as our Faculty's instrumental role in recruiting and retaining students at the U of R.

## Deloitte Women's Leadership Breakfast

We have purchased 8 tickets for the Deloitte Women's Leadership Initiative 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Breakfast:

**Date:** Wednesday, June 18

**Time:** 7:15 a.m. Registration; 7:30 a.m. Buffet Breakfast;  
Presentation to follow

**Place:** Delta Hotel

If you are interested in attending, please see Alyce Garratt for a ticket.

## Recruitment

### Update

We have made offers to the following candidates:

- **Aldene Meis-Mason**  
Assistant Professor (tenure-track appointment, beginning July 1, 2008)
- **Dr. Chris Street**  
Associate Professor (tenure-track appointment, beginning July 1, 2009)
- **Brian Schumacher**  
Lecturer (1 year term beginning July 1, 2008)
- **Cheryl Zurawski**  
Lecturer (1 year term beginning January 2, 2009)

We should hear back from all the above candidates by mid-June regarding whether they will accept the offers.

You'll recall that Karen Hunter (Ph.D. candidate from University of Alberta) had interviewed with us. She has decided to accept an Assistant Professor position at University of Lethbridge in the city where her family lives.

### ASAC Bid

Our Faculty's bid to hold ASAC 2010 in Regina has now been submitted. The indications look very positive for our bid, and we expect to hear the ASAC committee's decision in early June.

### Next Faculty Retreat

Mark your calendar for a Faculty Retreat on Friday, October 17. The topic for this retreat will focus on AACSB accreditation, and what steps we need to take in order to be considered for accreditation. We will provide some preliminary insights at our upcoming Faculty Council meeting on June 2.

## In the News...

- **Anne Lavack** contributed an invited article to the *Writ Large* column of *U of R Report* last week, discussing Saskatchewan's booming economy and its implications for both students and graduates.
- **Alan Levy** was interviewed by the *National Post* on labour issues and the Canadian Auto Workers union ("Has Canadian labour given up the fight?," Friday, May 9).
- **Anne Lavack** was quoted in the *Leader-Post* regarding the new web site, MBAJobs.com ("Online service, based in Regina, caters to MBAs," Saturday, May 17, 2008).

## ACE Regina at Toronto Competition

Under the leadership of **Bryan Austin**, our ACE Regina team traveled to Toronto last week to compete in the 2008 ACE National Exposition, held May 12-14. (ACE stands for *Advancing Canadian Entrepreneurship*.) Involved in the competition were over 40 other university and college student teams from every province of Canada. While our team did not win the competition, they performed extremely well, finishing in the top 10. This strong finish can be attributed to Bryan Austin's fine coaching and the team's hard work. The team appreciated the excellent support it received from our faculty members and members of the business community who attended the team's dress rehearsal on May 8.

Since its inception in the mid-1980s, ACE (*Advancing Canadian Entrepreneurship*) has provided college and university students with an opportunity to build entrepreneurship and leadership skills through an individual program and a team-based program. The Student Entrepreneur program focuses on the achievements of individual student entrepreneurs. The Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) program focuses on student teams who work on entrepreneurial projects to improve their communities.

## Honorary Degree

While in Calgary last week, **Anne Lavack** had the opportunity to meet with **Bonnie DuPont**, who will be the honorary degree recipient at our Faculty's Convocation on June 4. Ms. DuPont is currently Group Vice-President with Enbridge, responsible for its corporate resources function. She believes that introducing and nurturing a culture of corporate social responsibility in the corporation has been her greatest professional accomplishment.

Ms. DuPont is a director of the Bank of Canada, a member of the Board of Directors of Viterra, and a member of the Board of Governors of the University of Calgary, where she obtained her MEd degree in 1989. She is also chair of the Enbridge Undergraduate Mentorship Program and president of the Calgary Petroleum Club.