

Important Dates

Friday, September 26

BSS Golf Tournament

Deer Valley Golf Club

Tuesday, Sept. 30

3:30-4:00 p.m. in ED-562 Lounge

Coffee with new VP (Academic)

Thursday, October 2

APT & CUPE Staff

All Day Meeting – Travelodge

Tuesday, October 7

Lunch with CMA-Saskatchewan

12 noon at University Club

Friday, October 10

Faculty Council Meeting

2:00-3:30 p.m. in ED-558

Tuesday, October 14

Diane Francis Breakfast

Delta Hotel: 7:30-9:00 a.m.

Friday, October 17

Faculty Retreat

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Travelodge Hotel – 4177 Albert St. S.

Saturday, October 18

Fall Convocation

1:30 p.m. (Ceremony at 2:00 p.m.)

Conexus Arts Centre

Saturday, October 25

ABEX Awards

6:00 p.m. Cocktails; 7:00 p.m. Dinner

Queensbury Centre

Wednesday, October 29

CEO Advisory Circle

Thursday, October 30

Business Dinner

6:00 p.m. Cocktails, 7:00 p.m. Dinner

Delta Hotel

BSS Golf Tournament Nearly Sold Out!

The Business Students' Society reports that, once again this year, their annual golf tournament will be very successful. The event is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 26 at Deer Valley Golf Club. At this shotgun tournament, each foursome is comprised of 2 students and 2 business people. With 72 business people confirmed to participate, all of the corporate spots in the tournament have now been sold. There are still a few student spots remaining. Any faculty members wishing to golf can inquire at the BSS Lounge to see if there is any space left.

Coffee with VP (Academic) – Sept. 30

Come and meet our new VP (Academic), Dr. Gary Boire, at an informal coffee party:

Date: Tuesday, September 30

Time: 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Place: ED-562 Lounge

RSVP for CMA Lunch on Oct. 7

All faculty members are invited to the luncheon being hosted by CMA-Saskatchewan at the University Club on **Tuesday, October 7 at 12 noon**. We anticipate about 40 employers and 40 students in attendance at this event. There is no charge to attend the luncheon, and we are hoping for a good faculty turnout. **Please RSVP** to Alyce Garratt.

Engaging Students: Teaching Challenges

Congratulations to our colleague, **Wally Lockhart**, who will be presenting a session at Centre for Teaching and Learning. The session is entitled, "Engaging students: teaching challenges arising from enrolment strategies, cultural diversity and generational change."

Date: Tuesday, September 23

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Place: College West - Room 113

This is one of four sessions being held this Fall by the Teaching Development Centre, as part of its *Conversations about Fostering Engagement*.

Business Community Connections

We are still waiting for information from a few faculty members regarding their business community connections (board memberships, business consulting, guest speakers, etc.), so we can finalize our 'Community Connections' brochure. Please send information to Alyce Garratt. Thanks!

RSVP for Diane Francis Breakfast

Faculty and staff members are all invited to the Diane Francis breakfast on **Tuesday, October 14** at **7:30 a.m.** at the Delta Hotel. Tickets for faculty and staff members are available at no charge. **Please RSVP** to Alyce Garratt to confirm your attendance.

Journal Articles

Congratulations to Jack Ito on the publication of a refereed journal article:

- **Jack K. Ito** and Celeste M. Brotheridge (2008), "Do teams grow up one stage at a time? Exploring the complexity of group development models," *Team Performance Management*, Volume 14, No. 5/6, 214-232.

In the News...

- **Anne Lavack** was interviewed by CBC Radio in Regina regarding marketing factors behind rising gas prices (Monday, September 15, 2007).
- **Anne Lavack** was interviewed on CBC-TV French national news regarding the economic outlook for Saskatchewan, given the recent turbulence in the financial markets (Wednesday, September 17, 2007, 6 p.m. news).
- **Anne Lavack** was quoted in the *Regina Leader-Post* regarding the economic outlook for Saskatchewan and its impact on housing prices ("Frenzied market 'definitely behind us'," Wednesday, September 17, 2008, p. A1).

Fall Registration Statistics

Registration at the University of Regina for Fall 2008 is down 5% compared to last year, according to figures as of September 15 (end of second week of lectures and last date to withdraw with 100% refund). In Business Administration, the number of undergraduate students enrolled is down 1.9% since over last year (but up 24.3% compared to 2 years ago when we began admitting Qualifying Students directly from high school). Total teaching credit hours (both graduate and undergraduate) are down 4.4% over last year, but down just 2.2% compared to 2 years ago.

	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008
Total number of undergrad students registered	1196*	1516	1487
Total number of credit hours taught (undergrad and grad)	10,527	11,012	10,761

* Prior to beginning admission of Qualifying Students from High School.

Much of the decline in student numbers can be attributed to Saskatchewan's booming economy, making it attractive for young people to find jobs rather than attend university.

It's important to note that workers with a university degree on average earn 1.7 times the amount earned by workers who have completed only high school (Emery, 2004; based on Canadian census data). Therefore, we encourage you to talk to students about the long-term value of education.

Recruiting International Students

The declining enrolment figures due to the booming economy need to be considered alongside an anticipated longer-term decline in student enrolment. We anticipate that fewer high school students will be graduating over the next 10 years as a result of demographic trends. This underlines the importance of recruiting international students to Canada.

Recruiting international students means higher enrolments for the University of Regina in the short-term. International students also bring a global aspect to our campus and create diversity in our classrooms.

An equally important longer-term benefit occurs when international students remain in Saskatchewan after completing their education, thereby providing valuable skilled workers to meet the needs of our provincial economy.

The Paul J. Hill School of Business is a very attractive destination for international students, due to the demand for business education. In the Winter 2008 semester, our Faculty had 173 international students (approximately 11.5% of our 1,500 enrolled students). Of these 173 international students, 58 were from Hunan University, another 73 were from elsewhere in China, and 42 were from a variety of other countries. U of R is targeting a desired increase in the percentage of international students to 15%.

International Exchange Opportunities

Encourage your students to think about international exchange opportunities! Last year we had 34 students in Business Administration spend a semester at other universities around the world.