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Happy Birthday!

Bob Pearce
February 21

Departmental Announcements


Sunil Hazari whose article "Perceptions of Business Students' Feature Requirements in Educational Websites" has been accepted for publication in The Decision Sciences Journal of Innovative Education. Also, co-authoring the article with our Business Education graduate student, Barbara Johnson.

Tom Gainey and Beth Clenney’s article titled “Flextime and Telecommuting: Examining Individual Perceptions.” appears in the current issue of Southern Business Review.

A special DAC meeting was held on Thursday afternoon (Feb. 1) to discuss upcoming changes to the library budget and how we will be impacted. You will receive a brief survey in your mailbox on Feb. 5th to help us determine our usage of a number of products that are currently being considered for elimination. It is imperative that you complete and return this survey as soon as possible.

LUNCH WITH THE DEAN!!

SUNSET HILLS COUNTRY CLUB
FRIDAY, APRIL 20 @ 12 NOON
Fall 2006 Senior Exit Surveys

Thirty Management and MIS majors responded to our Fall 2006 Senior Exit Survey. Some of the highlights of this survey are as follows:

- 77% reported that they were “Very Satisfied” with their decision to earn a B.B.A. in our department. Another 23% noted that they were “Satisfied” with this decision.
- 62% reported that it was “Very Likely” that they would recommend our program to a friend. Another 38% noted that it was “ Likely” that they would recommend our program.
- 47% reported that they were “Very Satisfied” with the scheduling/advising system. Another 47% noted that they were “Satisfied” with this system. 7% indicated they were “Dissatisfied” with the system.
- Only 50% reported that they had visited UWG Career Services during their time at UWG.
- 57% reported that they planned to work in a company not owned by their family. 30% indicated that they planned to pursue an MBA and 1 person noted that they planned to pursue a career in law.
- On average, respondents noted that they had .8 job interviews thus far (range was 0 to 4). 15% reported that they had already accepted a job offer.

Overall, the surveys remain excellent in our department. Ninety-three percent of our graduating seniors reported that the quality of instruction in our department was “Good” or “Excellent.”

The complete surveys are available in my office for you to review at any time.

Tom G.
Spring Department Meeting

We had a great discussion about several important issues during our recent departmental meeting. We have a very diverse department in terms of both academic preparation and practical experience. I think these differences are often productive in helping us look at issues from many perspectives. Below, I very briefly recap the major topics we discussed.

1. We will change our departmental tenure and promotion policy so that non-tenured faculty are no longer voting members. However, one non-tenured, tenure-track faculty member will be allowed to serve on the committee (as a non-voting member) to better understand how the process works. We still need to find a method for bringing our lecturers into this process. Several proposals were made and this issue will be addressed in the future.

2. Doug, Joan, Bill, and Brad were commended by the department for their excellent work on the OMIS proposal. Most of the department felt that this program has great potential. As recommended during the meeting, we do need to try to get a feel for potential student and employer demand. This will be one of the next steps in this process.

3. Jon Anderson gave the background and necessity for the recommended changes to the MBA program and discussed the opportunities available in Newnan and Douglasville. Jon was recognized for the hard work he had put into this proposal. In our department MGNT 6604 and ABED 6100 will no longer be required in the core. The concerns expressed by the faculty were that the communication and quantitative skills that are now going to be “threaded” into other courses be assessed to make certain our graduates are actually getting the skills they need. However, most individuals recognized the need for us to benchmark our courses against competing programs, to make the entrance requirements more “user-friendly,” and to make our program more flexible.

The spring area meeting with MIS has already been held this semester. Meetings with Business Education and Management faculty will be scheduled at a later date.

Tom G.