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Departmental Announcements

Important Dates

- Matt Echols, Executive in Residence – Thursday, February 14
- RCOB Research Day – March 6
- Board of Visitors visit – March 7
- Spring Break – March 17 - 21
- RCOB Interview Days – March 26 & 27
- Honors Convocation – April 2
- UWG Big Night – April 3
- Executive Roundtables – TBA

Sandra Thompson
January 19

William Lankford
January 30

Happy Birthday!
The Chair’s Corner

A DAC meeting was held on **Wednesday, January 30, 2008**. Below are the major issues discussed during this meeting.

- Julie Bartley discussed the idea of forming an RCOB Learning Community for incoming freshmen. As discussed, this learning community would consist of about 24 students. Anyone interested would need to be willing to teach a 2000-level course or an XIDS course. Also, one would need to be willing to spend time with these students outside of the classroom, mentoring them during their first semester at UWG. My understanding is that a $1,000 professional development stipend would be provided.

- All items that we purchase must follow all state guidelines. Liz, Tracy, and I recently attended a very detailed workshop on purchasing guidelines and will be watching this area closely. As you have no doubt heard through the news media, some inappropriate uses of the p-card (purchasing card) have been reported in the university system. You should know that in a recent audit of our department, there were no issues raised.

- Graduate tuition increase proposals have been made for the MBA and MPAcc programs. If approved, this increase would bring our tuition to the level of Georgia Southern and provide funds for program development.

- The Strategic Planning Committee will soon begin discussions on quality of research issues. You are encouraged to provide input to this process though our departmental representatives (Doug Turner and Mary-Kathryn Zachary). Also, I am more than willing to discuss this issue with you at any time.

- Summer funds will soon be distributed to the departments to help with travel costs. We anticipate funding will be similar to last year’s amount.

- We will begin getting some departmental funds through increased e-tuition rates for the on-line classes we teach. Negotiations are still taking place in PAC on how these funds will be distributed. The latest best guess is that the department, dean’s office, and distance education will each get one-third.

- In the RCOB Mentor program, about 50% of our mentors reported having a good experience. Another, 50% reported little contact with the students. Efforts will be made to help ensure the success of this program.
• It is imperative that you respond to students in a prompt manner during drop/add when they contact you about classes. I suggest that you just tell students that all drop/add decisions are handled by the chair and that they need to come by my office. This way I can be the “bad” guy and can ensure consistency across our students. “Promises” to students made by some faculty (in several departments) this past drop/add period created some real problems.

• Class sizes – as we continue to grow, we will need to revisit the size of classes and number of seats allowed. We have requested more faculty lines, but will adapt until those are available.

Please see me if you have any questions. Our next DAC meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2008. If you have any issues that you would like for me to bring to this meeting, please let me know.

Tom G.
Fall 2007 Senior Exit Surveys

Twenty-three Management and MIS majors responded to our Fall 2007 Senior Exit Survey. Some of the highlights of this survey are as follows:

- 70% reported that they were “Very Satisfied” with their decision to earn a B.B.A. in our department. Another 30% noted that they were “Satisfied” with this decision.
- 74% reported that it was “Very Likely” that they would recommend our program to a friend. Another 26% noted that it was “Likely” that they would recommend our program.
- 52% reported that they were “Very Satisfied” with the scheduling/advising system. Another 35% noted that they were “Satisfied” with this system. 13% indicated they were “Dissatisfied” with the system.
- 78% noted that they preferred meeting with the same advisor each semester.
- 61% reported that they had visited UWG Career Services during their time at UWG.
- 78% reported that they planned to work in a company not owned by their family. 9% indicated that they planned to start their own business. One individual reported that she planned to pursue an MBA.
- 8 of the 23 seniors reported having at least one job interview. 7 reported that they had at least 1 job offer.

Overall, the surveys remain excellent in our department. **Ninety-two percent of our graduating seniors reported that the quality of instruction in our department was “Good” or “Excellent.”** One student noted, “I have been very impressed with the entire faculty of the management department. Each professor makes their students top priority to ensure their success overall.”

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

Tom