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**Departmental Announcements**

We have three new faculty members in our department, Leanne Defoor, Susan Hall, and John Upson.


Erich Bergiel and Jon Anderson presented a paper titled “The Influence of Computer Self-Efficacy on Socio-Emotional Processes and Virtual Team Performance” at the Academic Business World International Conference. The paper won an award for presentation excellence and was accepted for publication in the *International Journal of the Academic Business World*.

Jon Anderson also presented a paper titled “Does social network position influence individual performance?” at the same conference. This paper also won a presentation excellence award.

Erich Bergiel and Brad Prince are the recipients of the Stone Endowment Grant.

Tracy Richardson received the 2008 Divisional Award of Excellence at the Staff Appreciation Day in May.

Jeff Rooks participated in the ELIXR project on online learning, and a segment of his class is included in the web site below. If you copy the following address into your browser, click on classroom visits, and look for Jeff's picture in one of the outside circles (at about 5 o'clock), you should be able to find it.


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**Birthdays**

Sunil Hazari  
August 11  

Liz Runyan  
August 13  

**Happy Birthday!**
The Chair’s Corner

A DAC meeting was held on **Wednesday, July 23, 2008**. Below are the major issues discussed.

- **Budget Update**: Governor has requested 3 ½ and 4% cuts for 2009 and 2010; Chancellor Davis has requested plans for 5% for both years to be implemented if needed.

- Summer school enrollments are up 22.5% over last year, and fall enrollments are up by 14.8%. Incoming freshmen need 12 hours for student aid and to stay on parents’ insurance. Strategies are being discussed for ensuring enough seats. Students registering for classes on the last day are due the same level of service and professional courtesy as those registering at beginning of semester.

- From PAC and Deans Meeting: (a) Travel and Reimbursement changes: deadlines for PeopleSoft conversion were sent to all departments; **travel authorization must be completed prior to travel or employee will not be reimbursed**; funds must be available for system to accept reimbursement form; reimbursement for travel must be completed within 30 days of travel; **If a meal is part of the conference agenda, employee may not be reimbursed from state/tuition funds for meal eaten elsewhere**. (b) **Sick Leave Policy**: Expect audits regarding recording of faculty sick leave. UWG policy 111.0203 provides guidelines. This is being discussed at PAC and presidents’ meetings, but we should continue documenting as necessary. (c) **P cards**: Increasing scrutiny has led to tightening of policies regarding P card usage. Everyone should carefully check any documentation before signing. (d) **Open records requests** must be addressed within three days of receipt of request.

- **Assurance of Learning Update** – Jon distributed proposed changes in AOL process. After assessment, faculty teaching the course will review and make revision recommendations where necessary, then the form will be returned to the Undergraduate or Graduate Program Committee for review. How to assess in the international select will be discussed this fall. **AOL within majors will be completed during this academic year, with chairs reporting back this time next year**.

- **Structure of international programs** needs adaptation. Several issues were discussed, including using firms like Education First for program logistics. Jon and Salil will arrange for a meeting of chairs, faculty involved, and a representative from EF early fall semester.

- **DAC members** spent several minutes brainstorming issues that should be addressed in RCOB restructuring. Issues identified include: department structure; number of majors, faculty, SCHs, degree programs, and disciplines with departments; Advising/Success Center; appropriate model for advising for graduate and undergraduate students; internships; student recruiting; international program coordination; executive education; grant development.
• Transition to Microsoft Office 07 is underway. Diane will work with IT staff to identify faculty on campus now versus those returning fall. IT will contact faculty to arrange setup time in their offices.

• Everyone on payroll should register with the new PeopleSoft system. Multiple emails have gone out, and this is required.

• IT position for RCOB will be posted soon.

• Diane would like to meet with faculty (perhaps during department meetings) for short refresher course on advising.

• The RCOB received funding for accounting and marketing positions. Additionally, we still have an open position in Management. We will likely recruit for this position in the Fall.

Please see me if you have any questions.  Our next DAC meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2008.

Tom G.
Spring 2008 Senior Exit Surveys

Twenty-three Management and MIS majors responded to our Spring 2008 Senior Exit Survey. Some of the highlights of this survey are as follows:

- 78% reported that they were “Very Satisfied” with their decision to earn a B.B.A. in our department. The other 22% noted that they were “Satisfied” with this decision.
- 74% reported that it was “Very Likely” that they would recommend our program to a friend. The other 26% noted that it was “Likely” that they would recommend our program.
- 48% reported that they were “Very Satisfied” with the scheduling/advising system. Another 43% noted that they were “Satisfied” with this system. 9% indicated they were “Dissatisfied” with the system.
- 100% noted that they preferred meeting with the same advisor each semester.
- 55% reported that they planned to work in a company not owned by their family. 5% indicated that they planned to start their own business. Five individuals reported that she planned to pursue an MBA.
- Five individuals reported that they had already accepted a job offer.

Overall, the surveys remain excellent in our department. **100% of our graduating seniors reported that the quality of instruction in our department was “Good” or “Excellent.”** One student noted, “The professors are great. They always try to treat students as friends and students, and are willing to give individual assistance.”

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

Tom G.
DR. GAINEY’S SURPRISE PARTY ON JUNE 5

KASEY “SIMMONS”, CHRISTY “CHRIS”, LIZ “FREHLEY”, AND MARY-KATHRYN “STANLEY”.

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