

# The Messenger

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## Departmental Announcements

The Spring 2008 meeting of Delta Pi Epsilon Business Education Honor Society was held March 1, 2008. Guest speaker was Anne Marie Fenton of the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. The meeting also included new member initiation, as well as introduction of new DPE Officers.

Photos of the event and other information about DPE are available at the website:

<http://www.westga.edu/~shazari/dpe>

**Roger Johns'** paper "The Matrix: A Pedagogical Tool for Teaching Employment Discrimination Law" has been accepted publication in the *Journal of Legal Studies Education*.

Also, he will have his article *Himalaya Clauses in Maritime Bills of Lading, After Norfolk Southern Railway Co. v. Kirby*, reprinted in the forthcoming book *Letters of Credit - Legal Issues and Perspectives*, by P. Satyanarayana Prasad, Consulting Editor, Amicus Books, ICFAI University Press, Hyderabad, India (2009)). The article was originally published in *15 Southern Law Journal* 103 (Fall 2005)

RCOB Spring **Open Faculty/Staff meetings** will be on **Wednesday and Thursday, March 26 & 27** in Learning Lab #5 in the Business Building @ 9:00 am.

Anna Obedkova, one of our Management students, placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in RCOB Big Night. Topic: Influence of Socio-Emotional Processes on Virtual Teams, Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Erich Bergiel & Ms. Beth Clenney

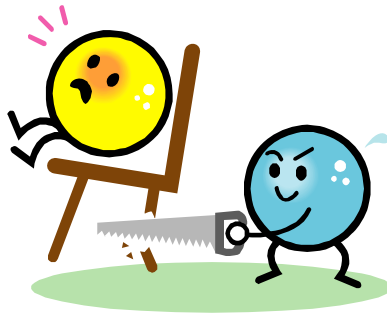
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DATE!

## LUNCH WITH THE DEAN!!



## SUNSET HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2008  
@ 12:00



## The Chair's Corner

*A DAC meeting was held on Wednesday, March 26, 2008. Below are major issues discussed:*

- The USG salary increase for next year is 2%.
- The RCOB Research Scholar and Stone Grant are due to chairs by Monday, April 28. Recipients will be recognized at the Spring Faculty/Staff meeting on May 1. The Dean's office will be sending out application materials this week.
- Faculty and Staff award and Faculty Development award nominations are due Monday, May 5. Recipients will be recognized at the Fall Faculty/Staff meeting on August 13. The Dean's office will be sending out application materials within the next couple of weeks.
- State tax collections are down. UWG is asking each institution to restrict non-critical hires and justify critical hires.
- Several important dates coming up on the RCOB calendar:
  - April 2 – Town Hall Meeting – RCOB Lecture Hall – 11:00 am
  - April 2 – Honors Convocation
  - April 3 – Phil Jacobs, Executive in Residence
  - April 3 – UWG Big Night
  - April 23 – Executive Roundtable
  - April 24 – Beta Gamma Sigma
- We are currently considering “outsourcing” parts of the International Program to a company that offers full-service programs to China, Japan, and Europe. At first glance, this has a number of benefits.
- Discussions regarding the grade appeals process are beginning. If you have any suggestions/concerns regarding this process, please see Diane Williamson.
- There is a push toward offering more MWF class sessions. Future schedules may include more courses on these days.
- E-tuition distributions have been set for the Spring. For all “N” courses that charge an additional \$120, the department will receive 40%, Distance Education will receive 40%, and the Dean's office will receive 20%.
- All department end-of-year purchases should be completed by May 15. Remainder will be swept to dean's office by May 30. All end-of-year requests are du by next Friday.

- DAC and SPC will begin discussions on RCOB structure issues this summer. Topics will include a student success center (i.e., and advising center) and departmental structures.
- We are required to have at least 10 hours of office hours each week. If you are teaching on-line courses, it is acceptable to have half of your office hours on-line.

*Please see me if you have any questions. Our next DAC meeting is scheduled for April 30, 2008. If you have any issues that you would like for me to bring to this meeting, please let me know. Tom G.*