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STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD

Student Advisory Board members helped interview three candidates for the new faculty position in Finance for the College of Business Administration. The student board also provided advice to the Dean on how to improve student success in the first and second years for students who have declared business as their major. They suggested offering one or two business courses that involve teamwork to business students in their first semester of the first year.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Evan Peterson, one of our JD/MBA students is UDM Law's winner of the Edward Rakow Federal Bar Association Scholarship. He and a winner from each of the 5 other law schools in the State of MI were honored at the annual Federal Bar Association luncheon.

GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT

Tim Blett joined Doner in 1985 and currently oversees the Newport Beach Office. The office services a diverse group of clients, including Black & Decker, Mazda, PacSun, The UPS Stores, 1-800-Cable and United Healthcare.

While at Doner Mr. Blett has won many prestigious awards including "Top 100 Who's Who" in advertising and an "Automotive All Star" award. Outside of work, he contributes to the efforts of many charities, such as serving on the Board of Directors for the Michigan Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, The Orange County Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), and the Orange County Marathon.

Mr. Blett was a student athlete at Western Michigan University, where he received a bachelor's degree in business administration. He earned his MBA at the University of Detroit.

BUSINESS MINOR

The faculty of the College has approved a 21 credit hour business minor for the students from other colleges.

The proposal has gone to the University level for approval.

Detroit Economic Club

2/12/09 11:30 Thomas Donahue Pres. & CEO U.S. Chamber of Commerce

For further Information: www.econclub.org

GRADUATION

Anyone graduating in May, June, or July 2009 please fill out an application for graduation and submit it to Wendy in the Welcome Center CF 112. The application for May graduation is due January 16th. Please make an appointment with your advisor to schedule a graduation audit .

Faculty Notes

Professor Thomas Mawhinney's paper entitled Identifying and Extinguishing Dysfunctional and Deadly Organizational Practices was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Organizational Behavior Management*.

Important Dates

Jan. 5th Classes begin
Jan. 16th Applications for graduation due
Jan. 19th Martin Luther King Day

WELCOME

Students from the fifth Cohort of the Global Entrepreneurial Master of Business Administration Program are visiting us from Fu Jen University in Taiwan. These students will be visiting us for two weeks while they study , and go sight-seeing.

The paper is based on a portion of a larger working paper. The larger paper describes creation of a taxonomy of functional and dysfunctional organizational practices. The larger work was supported by and completed during a sabbatical leave.

Support of Prof. Mawhinney's research by UDM is very much appreciated.

Dr. Mary Ann Hazen, M. A., “Grief in the Workplace.” *Academy of Management Perspectives*, 22 (3), 2008, 78-86.

If anyone would like a copy of the paper, they can email her at hazenma@udmercy.edu

