Dr. Ryuzo Sato, CBA, MBA, 1959, recently visited the campus and the College of Business. Dr. Sato is one of the preeminent economists in the world, has authored many books, and has had a conference dedicated to his life's work.

Two new faculty members have joined the College of Business Administration:

**Robert Hutchinson**, Assistant Professor of Accounting, received his B.S. in accounting at Duquesne University, and his MBA from the University of Notre Dame. He also received his Ph.D. in manufacturing cost accounting at the University of Toledo.

**Omid Sabbaghi**, Assistant Professor of Finance, received his B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley with a triple major in economics, statistics, and applied mathematics. He completed his Ph.D. in finance and econometrics from the University of Chicago.

Congratulations to Assistant Professor **Omid Sabbaghi**! He is the recipient of the Standard & Poor's Best Paper Award in Investments; the topic for his paper was Asset Pricing. He competed with faculty from around the world at the 2009 Midwest Finance Association Annual Meeting held in Chicago.

**Robert Hutchinson** is also an award-winning new faculty member here at The University of Detroit Mercy. He is the recipient of the “William M. Lybrand Award for Outstanding Article of the Year in 2007”. Titled “Linking Manufacturing Strategy to Product Cost: Towards Time-Based Accounting”, which was presented at the Institute of Management Accountants’ National Convention in Tampa, Florida.

Two faculty members were recently appointed as Directors of Undergraduate and Graduate Programs.

Accounting Professor, **Dr. Jeanne David** is the new Director of Undergraduate Programs.

Academic Discipline Coordinator for Decision Sciences, **Dr. Gregory W. Ulferts**, is now the Director of Graduate Business Programs. Both directors have posted advising hours in the Welcome Center, Commerce & Finance, room 115.
This fall 35 freshmen business majors are taking “Business as a Profession”. This new course is designed to examine the functional areas of business including strategy, management, marketing, decision sciences, information systems, accounting and finance. The importance of integration of these functional business areas is discussed in the context of internal and external factors. In addition, the course is designed to include social responsibility, career services, and team-building.

The first year of the 5 Year BSBA/MBA Program began this September. The highlight of this program is that students will be mentored by working professionals from companies like Butzel Long, Plante & Moran, SKF USA, and Fox Hills Country Club. The first mentors meeting will be on October 20th.

The Student Advisory Board will host the Annual Dean’s Dogs Event October 8, 2009. The event will start at 12:30pm. Please put this on your calendar and plan to attend. It is always a fun event for the students, faculty and staff.

INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS

Gregory W. Ulferts, travelled to Jamshedpur, India in June to participate in the Global Knowledge Network for Jesuit Business Education. The theme of the week’s event was “Taking The Lead Towards Sustainable Development”. Along with presenting a Synthesis & Action Plan on June 10th, Dr. Ulferts also interacted with local communities in an effort to improve the availability of fresh water for villagers. Jamshedpur, India is also known as “Steel City” because it is host to Tata Steel, which is India’s oldest and largest steel producing facility. Tata has made recent headlines here in the United States for its purchase of the Jaguar auto line from Ford Motor Company. Dr. Ulferts had the privilege of touring the Tata Motors facility while in Jamshedpur.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS


Mary Ann Hazen, Ph.D., Discipline Coordinator for Management, was recently published in the September 2009 issue of Organizational Dynamics. The articles title is “Recognizing and Responding to Workplace Grief”. Dr. Hazen also serves as Associate Editor of the Journal of Management Education.

Tom Mawhinney, Professor of Business Administration, authored an article titled “Identifying and Extinguishing Dysfunctional and Deadly Organizational Practices” in the Journal of Organizational Behavior Management.