

MU TABOR SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

DEAN'S BUSINESS COUNCIL

Notes from conference call on April 13, 2020 at 2:00 PM central time.

DBC members: Sheri Eichelberger, Trevor May, Zane Peterson, Jamie Rockhold, Bob Smith, Kevin Stocks, Dave Weatherford

Tabor faculty/staff: Najiba Benabess, Becky Stubblefield

Agenda:

- Tabor Updates – Najiba Benabess
 - Campus updates
 - All classes have moved online for the remainder of the term.
 - Faculty & staff are working remotely as much as possible.
 - Scheduling day, when students select their courses for fall 2020, is tomorrow, April 14. The next few weeks of registration should give us a better idea of how the current situation may impact retention from spring to fall.
 - Update on Assistant to the Dean for Enrollment Management
 - Elizabeth Wolpert has been hired. Her first day is May 1, 2020. Her resume is attached.
 - Update on Center for Entrepreneurship Director
 - Dennis Schwieger has been hired as Interim Director. His first day is May 1, 2020. His resume is attached.
- DBC Updates – Sheri Eichelberger
 - Nikki Garry has decided to step down from the DBC in order to focus more on growing her business.
 - Gary Hendrickson has decided to step down from the DBC for personal reasons.
 - We are so thankful for both of their contributions to Tabor and the DBC in their time with us. We will miss them both, but wish them all the best and they are welcome to visit any time!

- Sheri and Najiba have discussed using the next few months as a chance to better define the roles of the Dean, Chair, and Vice Chair, with the intention of electing new Chair & Vice Chair at the fall on-campus meeting.
- Team check-ins
 - Career Preparedness – Jamie Rockhold, Bob Swartz
 - Working on a flyer for the TPAC
 - Working on a script for a video to introduce the TPAC
 - Business Development – Dave Weatherford, Bob Smith, Zane Peterson
 - The team had planned for Najiba to start meeting with businesses, but those are now on hold given the current circumstances.
 - Alumni Engagement – Kevin Stocks, Sheri Eichelberger, Trevor May
 - Working on finding a new initiative for the team.
- DBC Feedback – Sheri Eichelberger & Dave Weatherford
 - Sheri sent out a summary of the feedback collected from Najiba’s request earlier this month. Najiba and the DBC members are on board with the suggestions.
 - Answers to some of the questions posed:
 - What, if anything, is MU planning for the 2020 graduates in lieu of the May Commencement Ceremony?
 - MU is working on a virtual reception of sorts to recognize the May graduates, and have also invited all May grads to come back and walk in the December ceremony. As we have more information about events in May, we will let you know.
 - Is Tabor still considering giving each 2020 graduate a TSB business card holder?
 - Yes – we are definitely doing this, and will also include business cards listing their name, year, and major.
 - Trevor commented that now would be a good time to look at how the transition from student to alumnus/a happens, and work on engaging students now to become engaged alumni.
- Next steps
 - Sheri suggested holding a Zoom meeting later this spring/early summer, as a shortened version of our on-campus meeting. We may hold off a few weeks in order to have a better idea of what is happening overall with Millikin and the global situation, so we can be as effective as possible.

- Najiba announced that Tony Douglass will be joining the DBC. He was a recommendation from Dave Weatherford.
- Keep sending recommendations for new members to Najiba!

Next call: Zoom meeting! Possible dates will be sent out soon.