

MU TABOR SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

DEAN'S BUSINESS COUNCIL

Notes from Zoom meeting on August 10, 2020 at 2:00 PM central time.

DBC members present: Tony Douglass, Wayne Dunning, Sheri Eichelberger, Trevor May, Zane Peterson, Jamie Rockhold, Bob Swartz, David Weatherford, Deb Youssef

Tabor faculty/staff present: Najiba Benabess, Becky Stubblefield, Elizabeth Wolpert

Absent: Dena Kareotes Arendt, Amber Kaylor, Bob Smith, Kevin Stocks, Craig Witt

- Sheri Eichelberger & Najiba Benabess welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed the new members.
- Updates
 - Fall semester planning – see attachments from agenda email
 - The Council noted the documents showed a depth of thought and planning and appreciates the effort put into the plans.
 - Questions were brought up about students' access to technology
 - MU has the ability to assist students in getting a laptop or other accessories when needed.
 - Najiba met with President Reynolds last week; he's very supportive of Tabor and is looking for ways to further get involved with the Decatur community, including the Economic Development Corporation and Ag Business; he is looking forward to meeting the Council.
 - New in Fall 2020
 - New Tabor faculty
 - New major – Cybersecurity
 - Trevor May noted that there is a great need in small businesses, mom & pop shops, for IT problem solving and/or cybersecurity professionals.

- Tony Douglass shared that there is a need for professionals entering the workforce to have at least a fundamental understanding of these concepts. He offered to speak to classes if the opportunity arises.
- New Business – Najiba
 - Business Development
 - No news to share; it's a difficult time to get responses from businesses.
 - Serving the community
 - Najiba is trying to align local businesses with Performance Learning projects to fit Tabor curriculum during this time of varying course formats (online, hybrid, etc.)
 - Rethinking internships
 - Virtual internships will be accepted as needed.
 - Tony asked about the fall career fair – will it be virtual?
 - Millikin has not made any announcements about the fall career fair yet.
 - Jamie Rockhold noted that State Farm is hosting its own virtual career fair for students from anywhere to attend.
- Team update
 - TPAC – Bob Swartz
 - Using Trello to track instead of badges
 - 10 people per team leader; boards for each category (see attached screenshots)
 - In September, we will migrate our 3 teams into one focused on Tabor Alumni Engagement. Team co-leaders will be announced on our September call.

Next call: Zoom meeting on Monday, September 14, 2020, 2:00 PM CST.

(This is the correct date!)