

MU TABOR SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

DEAN'S BUSINESS COUNCIL

Notes from Zoom meeting on March 8, 2021 at 2:00 PM central time.

DBC members present: Nico Amoroso, Dena Arendt, Tony Douglass, Wayne Dunning, Jamie Gray, Amber Kaylor, Trevor May, Dave Weatherford, Deb Youssef

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

Absent: Sheri Eichelberger, Louis Javois, Kevin Stocks, Bob Swartz, Craig Witt

Special guest: Travis Bodden, Tabor Internship Coordinator

Welcome

- Chair Dave Weatherford welcomed the Council to the meeting.

Updates from Tabor

- Dean Najiba Benabess welcomed the Council and thanked everyone for their time, then shared some updates from Tabor.
 - Updated enrollment reports were sent out with the agenda – if you have questions, please feel free to contact Elizabeth.
 - Tabor faculty searches – final interviews were conducted for the two open positions – Director of the Center for Entrepreneurship and Assistant/Associate Professor of Marketing. The search committees have made their recommendations and we are in the process of making offers to the top candidates.
 - The Data Analytics and Business Intelligence track for the MBA program was recently approved by the Council on Curriculum; it now moves to the Millikin faculty meeting for approval at the end of March.

Discussion

- We had a great conversation about involving alumni in the curriculum development process. Alumni can also help with frequent feedback and reviews of existing curriculum in order for our programs to remain relevant.
- We also discussed ideas on how alumni can offer internship opportunities to our students. Tabor Internship Coordinator, Travis Bodden, shared that he does not have many alumni offering internships. Handshake may not be the right platform to help alumni connect with students directly.
- We need to create a framework that facilitates alumni engagement and makes it easier for our alumni to post internship & job opportunities and connect with students.

Next Steps and Closing

- Dave noted that we will be planning our big spring meeting in a virtual environment again. Becky, Najiba, Dave, and Jamie will be in touch with more information.

Next call: TBD