

MU TABOR SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

DEAN'S BUSINESS COUNCIL

Notes from Zoom meeting on September 13, 2021 at 2:00 PM central time.

DBC members present: Dena Arendt, Jamie Gray, Louis Javois, Trevor May, Bob Swartz, Dave Weatherford, Deb Youssef

Tabor faculty/staff present: RJ Podeschi, Becky Stubblefield

Absent: Nico Amoroso, Tony Douglass, Amber Kaylor, Zane Peterson

- Welcome and re-introductions
 - Interim Dean RJ Podeschi introduced himself to the Council for those who did not previously know him.
 - The Council members introduced themselves to RJ.
 - RJ thanked the Council for their dedication and support for Tabor & Millikin.
- Millikin and Tabor updates – RJ
 - President Reynolds intends to launch the searches for a permanent Provost and Tabor Dean soon, but we don't have details yet. The permanent hires would ideally take office on August 1, 2022.
 - RJ intends to keep moving Tabor forward during his time as Interim Dean.
- DBC feedback and moving forward
 - What has worked well?
 - Keeps alumni engaged!
 - What has not?
 - Lack of implementation
 - Need someone from MU assigned to a project to make sure it gets seen through and implemented.
 - The TPAC was mentioned as an example, and RJ noted that we have incorporated several of those items into current courses, but the feedback never made it back to the DBC. We will be better in the future about closing that loop.

- RJ asked if the DBC was interested in engaging in smaller, more tangible ways like writing to prospective students, participating in mock interviews, etc., in addition to the longer-term projects.
 - Several council members indicated they are still interested in being involved in those things.
 - RJ noted that the list of 80+ mentors that was gathered by the Center for Entrepreneurship is being used for mentors for the Freshman Business Creation classes, and for students with substantial business ideas.
 - How do we utilize those people most effectively and at the right time?
- Co-Op program is a good way to get other alumni engaged by asking them to work with our students.
- Tabor Society could help structure alumni engagement. What are the priorities for alumni to get engaged?
- Action items and next steps
 - RJ will meet with each team individually to do a deeper dive into their progress and status.
 - RJ encouraged those who are nearby or who will already be traveling to campus for Homecoming to attend our **Tabor Faculty Reunion on Saturday, October 2 from 4:00-6:00 PM**, to catch up with your former faculty and meet current faculty.

Next call: Monday, October 18 at 2:00 PM CST