

# MU TABOR SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

## DEAN'S BUSINESS COUNCIL

Notes from MS Teams meeting on February 20, 2023 at 2:00 PM central time.

DBC members present: Nico Amoroso, Dena Arendt, Jamie Gray, Dave Weatherford

DBC members absent: Tony Douglass, Louis Javois, Zane Peterson, Deb Youssef

Tabor faculty/staff present: Christian Badorek, RJ Podeschi, Becky Stubblefield

- Welcome and check-in
- Career Mentor Network
  - Alumni feedback & recommendations
    - 4-7 people in each of 2 sessions
    - Average 2-3 phone or virtual interactions between mentors & students, more emails/texts
    - Make assigned questions deeper to move past awkward phase of beginning interactions
    - First impressions of students – most students were engaged, enjoyed interacting; a few just did the assignment
    - Suggested a pre-engagement survey of the mentors (& students?) to assist in matching; students can mark top 3 choices, faculty finalizes pairing
      - For this semester, can we request a short bio from mentors? Include possible connection points – hometown, hobbies, life outside major/job
      - Mentors mentioned students were somewhat reluctant to do the initial connection – bios may help with that.
      - Christian will put together a template to help collect bios
      - Database to track bios, connections, results
      - Option to self-select, also needs to be connected to an assignment in specific classes; could introduce it in an upper-level class with program-specific matches
  - Second round in Spring 2023
- New DBC members

- RJ is already in touch with 2003 grad – Xiu (Zheng) Pratt and Ian Bain – MCK auditor
- Send other ideas to RJ
- Dave suggested revisiting past members for whom the DBC was not a good fit at the time, but perhaps circumstances have now changed
- Alumni engagement recruiting
  - Can be helped through the mentor network
- Announcements
  - Rick McKirahan, Executive in Residence, will be invited to our April call.
- Adjournment

**Next call: Monday, April 10, 2023, at 2:00 PM CST via Microsoft Teams**