

MU TABOR SCHOOL OF BUSINESS DEANS BUSINESS COUNCIL

Notes from onference call on March 2020 at 2:00PM central time.

DBC members: Sheri Eichelberger, Nikki Garry, Gary Hendrickson, Bob Smith, Stocks, Bob Swartz, Dave Weatherford

Tabor faculty/staff: Najiba Benabess, Becky Stubblefield

Agenda:

$\frac{3}{4}$ Tabor Updates Najiba Benabess

x Campus contingency plans

f Are being created by MU administration in the event of a campus closure due to COVID-19.

x Hiring for Assistant to the Dean for Enrollment Management

f Shaun's last day was February 14.

f Najiba & Becky have interviewed several candidates and hope to have someone in place by early April.

x Hiring for Center for Entrepreneurship Director

f Hope to have an Interim Director in place by April to serve through the end of 2020 or spring of 2021; launching a national search this fall for a permanent replacement.

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f Najiba shared that the Handshake program has been purchased for use across Millikin, and we are excited to see how this program can help our students.

x Career Preparedness Nikki Garry, Jamie Rockhold, Bob Swartz

f The team suggested taking some time to film videos to promote the checklist while they are on campus in April.

x Business Development Matt Guffey, Gary Hendrickson, Zane Peterson, Bob Smith, Dave Weatherford

f Team's top 3 companies to reach out to are: Skeff Distributing, Decatur Industrial Electric, and Black & Company. All have executives/founders with close ties to Millikin.

f Najiba has met with several companies and shared the ~~open~~ flyer.

- o ADM is specifically interested more in micro-credentials than degree completion or full certificate programs.
- o Najiba met John Skeffington at the February Board of Trustees meeting and will follow up soon.
- o Others: Crossing Healthcare, Children's Museum of Illinois (Executive Director is MBA alumna), and Workforce Development Institute.

$\frac{3}{4}$ Spring On-Campus Meeting

x Friday– Saturday, April 17-18, 2020 ****UPDATE 13-20: the spring on campus meeting has been cancelled. Please plan to participate in the April conference call and we will discuss future plans.****

x Becky sent out a survey looking for input on activities and possible visits. Top answers were mixer/panel with students, meeting/eating with faculty, and Administration presentations.

x It was suggested that since such a high percentage of Tabor students are also athletes, it might be beneficial to hear from Athletic Director Craig White.

x It was suggested that we invite all Tabor faculty to the DBC business meeting so that they know what we are working on and can give us their insight.

x Becky suggested that the Tabor Student Advisory Council can help us plan an event with students.

x Dressing down was discussed again. Becky mentioned that the Tabor

retreats—something similar would work well for this. Most DBC members should have a Tabor shirt, and now, the Tabor Student Advisory Council is offering Tabor-branded shirts now! Becky will send out the order form.

- x More information & details about the agenda will be sent in early April. If you have questions or concerns in the meantime, please contact Becky or Najiba.

UPDATE-3-20: Next conference call: Monday, April 9, 2020 at 2:00 PM CST.