Notes from Executive Committee Meeting, September 26, 2006

Present: Gail Naughton, Jim Lackritz, Nik Varaiya, Bruce Reinig, Gangaram Singh, Joe Belch, Kathy Krentler, Karen Courtney, Deb Tomic, Sandy Ehrlich

The Executive Committee met from 10:00 AM - noon in the Dean's Conference Room.

Gail briefed the group about her trip to Dubai and India. She spoke at the MIT Entrepreneurship Conference and talked with officials at Indian Institute of Management (IIM) and American University of Beirut (AUB)/Higher College of Technology about their potential involvement as partners in the proposed Global Entrepreneurship MBA (GEMBA) program.

Most of the meeting was spent in discussion of issues related to the GEMBA program. The Executive Committee agreed to take the lead in developing the details needed for a more formal proposal. We will be meeting several times within the next few weeks to get this done. One of the first things we will do is to try to finalize the curriculum to be taught at each campus and to create a schedule that logistically makes sense. We will try to leverage the strengths of each partner institution so that the program will have the top faculty at each institution to teach in the program.

Karen gave a quick update on the Sports MBA applications. September 30 is the close of applications. To date, there have been 39 applications, but she said that like the past two years, she expects many applications that come in during the final week.

Jim gave an update for Ken on the GA Research appointments from this semester. This year, each college received additional funds from the Graduate Division to commit for research GA positions for first year graduate students for whom we compete with schools that have higher rankings. We made offers to applicants with minimums of 690 GMAT and a 3.3 undergrad GPA. They must be full-time students to work as a GA. We awarded five research positions this Fall to students, each of whom identified a faculty member to work with based on their area of research interest. We are continuing to offer this GA incentive to Spring applicants and anticipate the award of seven more appointments.

Deb discussed the new HR system that is now in place. She will be going to training shortly to learn more about the system. Faculty/staff will be able to go online and have easier access to their information.

Deb also gave an update on the staff positions. There are currently four positions open in the college, and the paperwork is being processed ASAP to move forward to be able to hire people. John Owens, an IS major who brings an impressive technical background with Microsoft certification, is helping out Wayne with tech support as a student assistant.
We are at the beginning of faculty recruiting. Marketing has already brought in their first candidate in IMC and Nik is in the early stages of recruiting the real estate position.