

MBA Alumni Advisory Council – Spring 2024 Meeting Minutes

January 31st, at 8:00 PM

1. Welcome – President Erin Bley
 - a. Meeting Called to Order at 20:00

2. Roll Call – VP Jake Barrett
 - a. April Ulrich
 - b. Erin Bley
 - c. Laura Yeats
 - d. Sarah Otto
 - e. Esthela Nunez
 - f. Teresa Saunders
 - g. Holly Haslam
 - h. Kerby Meyers
 - i. Jake Barrett

3. Introduction of Members and Guests – Erin Bley
 - a. Dr. Abe Harraf
 - b. Dr. Kim McManus
 - c. Dr. Larry Leaming
 - d. Dr. Maurice Harris
 - e. Dr. Shammi Gandhi
 - f. Professor Tabby Harraf
 - g. London Yates

4. Approval of Fall Meeting Minutes, 11/13/2023– Secretary Teresa Saunders
 - a. Motion to Approve: Sarah Otto
 - b. Second: Esthela Nunez
 - c. All approved at 20:11

5. MBA Update ---Abe Harraf
 - a. Curriculum Proposals Update – Accounting Analytics and Marketing are still growing steadily.
 - i. 4 new MBA programs were approved at the provost level; awaiting board of trustees’ final approval in February.

- b. Future Concentrations and Certificates – All
 - i. 2 new concentrations on the drawing board
 - 1. Business Analytics
 - 2. Cyber Security
 - ii. Any other recommendations? Please send any other recommendations to Dr. Harraf
 - c. Grade replacement policy has now been approved which will allow students to repeat the courses for a better grade while the old grade will not be calculated in the GPA.
 - d. MBA Enrollment – 285 Active Headcount
6. Discussion on the need and request for tutors – All
- a. Should we create a tutor program either through school hire or a list of potential tutors available for hire to MBA students?
 - i. Recommendations
 - 1. Graduate teaching assistant identified by Professors.
 - 2. School Hire that is plugged into the program curriculum and aware of any changes.
 - 3. Request individuals at the beginning of each class to identify themselves as a potential tutor for other students within their class.
7. MBAAC Web Page Updates– London Yates
- a. Still missing pictures and bios from some of the members
 - i. Who are we missing?
 - 1. London to gather who is missing and contact them directly.
8. Creation of MBA LinkedIn - Abe Harraf and London Yates
- a. A LinkedIn page seems to be the best avenue for the networking needs of alumni.
 - b. London will create the page as soon as possible.
9. Nominating New Members -- Erin Bley
- a. Please send your new member recommendations to Dr. Harraf and Jake Barrett
10. New officers Election – Next Meeting
- a. New Officer Elections during May 8th Meeting
 - i. Current two-year terms for President, Vice President, Secretary coming to an end in Spring 2024
 - ii. Dr. Harraf and Erin Bley will put together a form to submit interest and will be emailed out as soon as possible.

1. Think about: Which position are you interested in, why are you interested in it, and how you would use your position to further the success of the alumni advisory council and participation.
- iii. Past president will be an ex-official for continuity into next electorate.

11. Committee Membership – Teresa Saunders

- a. Looking for leaders of the committees to define the purpose and future use of the committees and drive participation.
 - i. Secretary sending email for engagement.
 1. Alumni Engagement
 - a. Chair and members needed.
 2. Alumni Giving
 - a. Chair and members needed.
 3. Student Mentoring
 - a. Members
 - i. Chair - Sarah Otto
 - ii. April Ulrich
 - b. Provide meetups via Zoom and provide initial topics for students to join in on the conversation.
 4. Membership
 - a. Chair and members needed.

12. Next Meeting Date – Erin Bley

- a. May 8, 2024, 1930

13. Comments for the good of order

- a. Meeting Ended at 2102