As we celebrate the upcoming Holiday Season and look forward with great anticipation to 2010, I want to thank you for all the hard work each of you have done this semester. We have completed some great opportunities and initiatives this year and look forward to the upcoming year. We continue to look for new opportunities to increase the visibility of the Barton School of Business with current and potential students, donors and the business community. Please know that without the dedication from all the faculty and staff we would not be able to continue with the current initiatives or begin new ones. We thank all of you for what you do for the Barton School of Business.

As you may know one of the larger events for the Barton School is the annual Business Week, which this year will be offering over 30 different activities. We are excited that Steven Chang of The CID Group has agreed to be the keynote speaker on March 2nd. Steven is an exceptional businessman who has 20 years of experience in investing, leading and building companies. He founded the CID Group in 1998, and has since built one of the fastest growing venture capital firms in Asia. Under Steven’s leadership, CID has invested in more than 125 companies. In addition to Steven Chang being the keynote speaker, we have plans to have a luncheon off campus where he will address our business community.

Finally, Janie and I want to thank all those who made our transition to Wichita, WSU and Barton School so smooth over the past year and a half. Without your warmth and hospitality the changes would have been much more difficult. As they were, we are very happy we made this decision and look forward to working with all of you as we advance the Barton School of Business.

Happy Holidays,

Doug

**Faculty and Staff News**


MIS Advisory Board Update

MIS advisory board meeting was held at the Barton School of Business. In attendance were John Pavetto, CIO of Koch Industries Inc., Darren Tingler from Cargill Meat Solution, Harold Ward from Hawker Beechcraft, Terry W. Booth from CCH, Kelly Ellenz from Meritrust Credit Union, Art Mould from Computer System Consultants, Kevin Colborn from High Touch Inc., and MIS faculty members. The MIS faculty provided an update to the board members on the mapping of the current MIS curriculum to the new model curriculum proposed by the joint taskforce from the Association for Information Systems (AIS) and the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM). The results of the mapping exercise show that the current program covers most of required elements proposed in the model curriculum. However, a few emerging elective courses such as information systems audit and information system security are lacking. The board members proposed that in addition to addressing the new content areas it was imperative that the revised curriculum focus on developing better problem solving skills. Kyle Carr from the co-operative education office presented information on the co-operative education program and the current enrollment status in the program. The MIS faculty introduced student members of the Association for Information Technology Professionals (AITP) – WSU Chapter and urged the board members to participate in the activities organized by the AITP. Finally, The MIS faculty members gave an introduction to the board members on Barton International Group (B.I.G.). The board members liked the new initiative and expressed interest in exploring the potential for engaging BIG on projects of mutual interest.

CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Shocker Business Plan Competition:
  March 5—Intent to Compete Forms Due
  April 9—Kansas Community College Business Plan Challenge, CFE
  April 16—Trade Show, 3-7 pm, Koch Arena
  April 30—Semi-Final & Final Rounds, CFE
  April 30—Center for Entrepreneurship Banquet,
           6-9 pm, Hyatt Regency Hotel

Entrepreneurship Forum Series (tentative):
  February 11, March 4, April 1

WORLD TRADE COUNCIL

34th annual Holiday Get-Together & Wine Tasting around the World on Dec 17 at Pioneer Balloon World Headquarters at 5000 E 29th St N, [In front of WSU Metro Complex]

Wines from Argentina, Australia, Chile, France, Germany, Spain and USA will be presented by the wine specialists courtesy of Standard Beverage Corporation. Dean & Deluca Hors d'oeuvres and Bagatelle Dessert and Christmas logs served.

Our December 17th gathering will provide a festive opportunity to interact and network with international business leaders who have benefited in meeting diplomats and trade dignitaries during the past years.
Study Abroad Program

The Barton School of Business has seen a huge increase in the number of students participating in study abroad programs over this past year. Numbers for both in-coming and out-going students have gone up significantly. Previously, we have had two to six students studying abroad each year. This past academic year 2008-09, there were 13 business students who participated in a study abroad program. Below are the projected numbers for this current academic year for both out-going and in-coming students:

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For this current academic year including next summer 2009-10, we expect to have 20 to 25 business students participate in a study abroad program for academic credit. A new Facebook group for study abroad and international activities was recently created. The name of the group is “WSU Barton School of Business- Study Abroad”. This group has been created to help foster connections between former, current and future students as well as faculty and staff who are interested in international activities and study abroad. Events will be planned during the spring semester to help welcome our new international students and also promote our study abroad program.

Advising Center News

Closed Class Policy
Students wishing to get in a closed class must contact the Advising Center. Academic advisors will evaluate the student’s specific circumstance, prerequisite requirements, and classroom capacity. The instructor, program chair, and/or Dr. Clark will be contacted concerning requests.

Dates to Remember

December 13—Fall Commencement at 2:30
December 15—Barton Scholar Press Conference
December 17—World Trade Council
February 11—Jabar Schwab Press Conference
March 1-6—Business Week
May 15—Spring commencement

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