Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful holiday break and are refreshed for the new semester.

The AACBS report was submitted to our visiting team in December, with the team scheduled to be on campus February 24-26. We are in the process of finalizing their schedule while on campus. We are waiting to hear back from the teams to determine who will need to meet with them.

Business Week is the week of March 4, it has been scaled down from the previous years since the RSC is not available. There will be a few presentations in the classrooms and a few small workshops throughout the week. The keynote speaker is Victor Bridgeman, General Manager-Global Supply Chain for GE Healthcare, on Wednesday, March 6th at 7:15. The week will still give the students the opportunity to network with business professionals and learn what it takes to be successful.

As you may have noticed Physical Plant did not replace the doors in Clinton Hall during the holiday shutdown. They are still planning on completing this project sometime during the Spring semester. However, we have not heard exactly when this is to happen.

We wish you a terrific and successful semester. Every day the Barton School gets better because of what you do.

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Masud Chand just had the following book chapter accepted for publication: "Diasporas and their rising importance to the international political economy" in the Handbook on the Geopolitics of Business (Edward Elgar Publishing).


Clyde Stoltenberg has updated chapter on “Intellectual Property” will again be included in the Wiley Encyclopedia of Management, 3rd edition of which is in press. Also, Xiaohua Yang (U. of San Francisco) and Stoltenberg has a chapter on “Chinese Multinationals and the State: An Institutional Perspective” in the book Globalisation, the Global Financial Crisis and the State to be published in February by Edward Elgar Publishing.


Upcoming events:

January 24, 2013 - Grant Thornton – “A Global Economic Outlook with special emphasis on the impact of international taxation”

February 21 – “Doing Business with Malaysia”

March 28 – “Doing Business with Taiwan”

April 18, 2013  NexLearn - “Growth in Immersive Learning and Corporate America and Global Trade”

May 17, 2013  NAFTA 20 – Day Conference and Evening Program

Announcing the January 24, 2013 Reception, Dinner & Speakers Program
A Global Economic Outlook with special emphasis on the impact of international taxation
Keynote speaker: Mr. Brian Dill, International Tax Partner, Grant Thornton LLP

Venue: Wichita Marriott
9100 E Corporate Hills Dr, Wichita, Kansas
Date: Thursday, January 24, 2013

Agenda: 6:00 p.m. Social Hour and Hosted Reception by Grant Thornton LLP
6:50 p.m. Banquet & Wine
7:40 p.m. Program with introductions by Dan Meyer, Partner, Grant Thornton LLP
8:45 p.m. Adjourn & consultations

Mr. Brian Dill is the international tax practice leader for the Dallas office of Grant Thornton LLP providing specialty services in international tax consulting, transfer pricing and a variety of other international quantitative services. With more than 16 years of experience Mr. Dill has conducted a wide variety of complex international tax projects working extensively with Fortune 50 public companies, large private companies and venture capital businesses. He also has extensive personal overseas experience as he spent three years in Moscow working on complex structured oil and gas arrangements, structured finance projects and cross-border mergers and acquisitions. He has in-depth experience with multi-national restructurings, structured finance arrangements and global effective tax rate planning. His expertise covers a wide range of U.S. international tax areas as well as a working knowledge of other international taxing systems.
Building Students’ Critical Thinking Skills

Happy New Year! A new semester means a new crop of students and possibly, for some, new courses. It also means the opportunity to take a look at existing assignments to see if they need any tweaking. As your liaison librarian, I am happy to assist you with reworking research assignments or projects to encourage students’ critical thinking. I’ll be providing two workshops as part of the OFDSS faculty development series entitled Designing Research Assignments That Promote Critical Thinking. The workshop will be held in 217 Ablah Library on Wednesday, February 27 (12:30-1:30 pm) and duplicated on Thursday, February 28 (2:00-3:00 pm). Watch for an announcement from the OFDSS office with more information.

In the meantime, you might want to check out this guide, created for the Barton School’s Critical Thinking Task Force: http://bit.ly/wsucriticalthinking You’ll find articles, rubrics, and other resources focusing on critical thinking and business students.

If you have any questions, or would like to talk about revising (or creating) research assignments that encourage critical thinking, please contact me (Melissa Mallon) at melissa.mallon@wichita.edu or 978-5077. Best wishes for a stress-free semester!

Foundation News

WSU Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign coming in February

The WSU Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign, “I Y WSU!,” is coming in February to celebrate all the things we love about Wichita State. What do you love about working in the W. Frank Barton School of Business? Is it the Center for Entrepreneurship, the Department of Management or the scholarships given to deserving students each year? Faculty and staff can give to the Barton School Annual Fund, a specific program or one of the many scholarships on campus. Remember, 100 percent of your gift will go to the area you designate. This is your chance to directly support whatever it is that makes you passionate about our university.

Consider making a one-time gift or giving through payroll deduction; it’s easy to do and every gift, no matter the size, makes an impact on the WSU community. Visit wichita.edu/foundation/iheartwsu to make your gift online or print the giving form and send to the WSU Foundation.

Share what you love about WSU on the WSU Foundation’s Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts. For more information, contact Liz Greene, office assistant to the director of Annual Fund, at (316) 978-5409 or liz.greene@wichita.edu.