

# MU TABOR SCHOOL OF BUSINESS DEANS BUSINESS COUNCIL

Notes from Zoom meeting on 9/23/2020. Present: Najiba Benabess, Elizabeth A. V. ...

Absent: Tony Douglass, Sheri Eichelberger, Trevor May, Zane Peterson

## $\frac{3}{4}$ Welcome–Najiba Benabess

- x Najiba welcomed new members to the DBC; all members introduced themselves for the new members.
- x Approximately 20 positive cases of COVID on campus; 90 have been placed in quarantine due to contact tracing.
- x Faculty are doing a great job adapting on a daily basis for the semester; they may need remote learning at various times or throughout the semester.
- x Faculty are collaborating with each other more than ever to learn new technologies and ways of teaching.

- f Najiba and Elizabeth are working on ways to recruit in a virtual environment, and doing more specific outreach to high school business teachers in Illinois and community college business teachers and advisors.
- f Louis Javois asked if students in the Business Management major tend to stay there. Najiba and Becky noted that many students generally stay in Business Management, but if they leave, they usually go somewhere else within Tabor.
- f Deb Youssef noted that using the alumni network to recruit often helps with those efforts.
- f Louis asked why student athletes weren't coming; Elizabeth noted that many were attending community college this year to save money, or received an athletic scholarship, which MU does offer. Wayne Dunning was a student athlete and he understands that they really want to play. Wayne also noted that parents are making these decisions for financial reasons. He serves on the BOT at Richland Community College, and he noted that their enrollment stayed about the same.
- f Najiba concluded the meeting by explaining that we meet student's needs wherever they are. If students are interested in starting in a community college then transferring to Tabor, we can help the student while attending community college with academic advising and career mentoring. We already have a close relationship and partnership with Richland Community College and we are happy to collaborate with any community college our prospective students are planning to attend first. Our ultimate goal is to educate and empower our students and see them achieve their full potential.

<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> The next DBC meeting would normally be the fall on-campus meeting. However, COVID guidelines restrict us from bringing external groups to campus. Therefore, we will likely do something similar to the spring meeting, where we held our