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Master of Economic Development and Entrepreneurship and Global MBA Proposed for Fall 2006

The School of Business Administration is excited to announce plans to launch two new degree programs in Fall 2006.

Master of Economic Development and Entrepreneurship - Understanding that economic development is achieved by starting, growing, and attracting business to a region, SoBA is currently seeking approval from the University of Houston System and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to offer a Master of Economic Development and Entrepreneurship program. By combining traditional economic development and entrepreneurship, the program will offer students a complete understanding of the economic development process. No other program in the United States combines equally the disciplines of economic development and entrepreneurship to provide the student a holistic view of economic growth. The Master of Economic Development and Entrepreneurship will provide students with the knowledge and skills required for success as economic development professionals, entrepreneurs, corporate entrepreneurs, community development specialists, or social entrepreneurs by integrating economic development and entrepreneurship to improve the quality of life in the globally competitive and dynamic world.

Global MBA - As the title of Thomas Friedman's recent book proclaims, The World Is Flat--web-based technology enables us to reach around the globe as quickly as across campus. Horizons collapse and distance disappears. International engagement has become an essential component of students' education, without which they will be ill-equipped for the world to be, or even for the world that now is. Thus, the SoBA will offer the Global MBA program beginning in Fall 2006. The mission of the proposed program is to provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to function as managers in the global marketplace. Specifically, the Global MBA program seeks to develop in each graduate the capacity to:

- Understand and adapt to the changing global environment;
- Apply the functional knowledge and skills needed to address cross-disciplinary issues in the global marketplace;
- Understand and manage cultural differences inherent in a global workforce; and
- Apply appropriate specialized knowledge of theories, models and tools to solve global business and managerial issues.

The program includes opportunities for study abroad experiences, and the program capstone features an international consulting project. Students with recent bachelor's or master's degrees in business may be able to earn the Global MBA in as few as 30 semester credit hours.

The Global MBA and Master of Economic Development and Entrepreneurship will be offered online through WebCT Vista, the application currently used to deliver all other SoBA online programs. To obtain more detailed information regarding these programs, please visit the SoBA website at www.uhv.edu/bus or contact one of our student services staff at busadvisor@uhv.edu.

FALL 2005 MBA CONFERENCE WINNERS

The School of Business Administration is pleased to announce the winning teams from the Fall 2005 MBA Case Competition held on Saturday, December 3, 2005 at UH System Cinco Ranch in Katy, Texas.

The first place team included Shon Bourgeois, Sheril Cheriyan, Emmanuel "Manny" De Pau, Sean Sevy, and Tamika Taylor. The second place team included Kris Mikulec, Anil Nagalla, and Suresh Ramamoorthy, and the third place team included Eric Griffin, Jason Hammons, and Paul Lanham.

Teams participating in the competition this fall prepared original business case analyses on the Noble Corporation, which is a worldwide offshore drilling contractor. The teams are evaluated on several criteria, including organization, subject knowledge, quality and use of visual aids, audience interaction, elocution, and teamwork.

The winning groups were recognized at a reception following commencement on Saturday, December 10, 2005.

Members of all three teams will be invited to serve as panelists at future case competitions.

The Spring 2006 MBA Conference is scheduled for Saturday, May 6, 2006; it will be held at UH System Cinco Ranch. Participants will prepare a case analysis on Waste Management, Inc., the leading provider of comprehensive waste and environmental services in North America. For additional information about the upcoming conference, please visit the SoBA website at www.uhv.edu/bus/conf.

From left: Sheril Cheriyan, Sean Sevy, Dean Charles Bullock, Manny De Pau, President Tim Hudson. Not pictured: Shon Bourgeois, Tamika Taylor.

SOBA WEBSITE GETS FACELIFT

You might have noticed the change in the design for the School of Business Administration homepage. While the address has stayed the same, the layout has changed in an effort to keep the design as user-friendly as possible. Be sure to check the website often to keep track of upcoming events and important news!

Here are some quick-links to help find the most frequently used items:

Course Schedule/Prerequisites/Textbooks/Syllabi
www.uhv.edu/bus/reg/sobaschedintro.asp

Full Class Waiting List
www.uhv.edu/bus/reg/waitinglist.asp

SoBA Appeal Form
www.uhv.edu/bus/pdf/sobaappeal.pdf

GMAT Waiver Policy
www.uhv.edu/bus/adm/gmatwaiver.asp

Check out the new SoBA website at www.uhv.edu/bus

FULL CLASS WAITING LIST

Over 50 full class waiting list requests were processed by SoBA student services staff during spring registration. The waiting list is available from the "Student Resources" part of the SOBA web site: http://www.uhv.edu/bus/reg/waitinglist.asp. It allows students to be wait-listed when classes are otherwise shown as full. Students can specify the course and section number they wish to take and which section they want to drop if a place becomes available. In the weeks leading up to the first day of class, waiting list requests are processed on a daily basis. This feature is unique to SoBA students and allows the department, wherever possible, to raise enrollment caps or add new sections to meet student demand. Before late registration opens, wait-listed students are allocated places that are created as a result of disenrolled students who have failed to pay by the initial payment date.

Next semester, reduce your registration stress and register early! Summer registration is slated to open on April 17th at 8am.

SPRING 2006 GRADUATION

As a SoBA student, if you anticipate graduating this spring 2006 you should consider submitting your graduation application directly to your advisor now rather than waiting until the February 17th deadline. This will give us an opportunity to complete your degree audit early and let you know if you need to make any changes to your registration in order to be eligible to graduate on schedule.

The commencement application packets are available online at www.uhv.edu/oar/Forms.asp.

Graduation Notice

Graduation is *not* automatic!
You must apply to graduate.

Spring Application Deadline
February 17, 2006

MINI-MESTER PLANNED FOR NEW STUDENTS

If you were hoping to enroll in a School of Business Administration program this spring, but were unable to submit an application in time, the SoBA is planning to offer a "Mini-Mester" beginning this March. Entry level courses for the BBA, MBA and Global MBA will be offered online for an eight week semester.

For more information regarding the new Mini-mester, please contact BusAdvisor@uhv.edu or visit the SoBA website at www.uhv.edu/bus.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

We are interested in creating a student organization in the School of Business Administration, and we'd like to invite all current students to get involved. If you would be interested in participating in a SoBA student group, please contact Holly Verhasselt at VerhasseltH@uhv.edu or 281/275-3376.

IMPORTANT GMAT UPDATES

There have been a number of changes to the GMAT examination in the past few months. These changes are all related to the administration of the GMAT; the format and content of the exam will remain the same. The cost of the GMAT exam was recently raised from $225 to $250, and UHV's school code is now "XT1GJ55".

As of January 2006, GMAT testing center locations have changed. All GMAT examinations are now administered at PearsonVUE testing centers. Students in the Sugar Land/Katy areas are closest to the testing center in Bellaire.

PearsonVUE Professional Center
Prosperity Bank Building
6800 West Loop South, Suite 405
Bellaire, TX 77401
(713) 838-1849

Students in Victoria are closest to the testing center in Corpus Christi.

PearsonVUE Testing Center
Corona South Building
4646 Corona Drive, Suite 175
Corpus Christi, TX 78411

More information about testing locations and test dates is available through GMAT's website at www.mba.com.

SOBA STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

If you would like to share your story of how UH-Victoria is helping you to reach your educational goals or brag about the exciting opportunities your degree has provided, please submit your testimonial to your advisor or email Busadvisor@uhv.edu. We're sure you have already noticed the student testimonials on the newly designed SoBA website...your testimonial could be featured there, too!

BETA GAMMA SIGMA

As many of you know, the University of Houston-Victoria School of Business Administration achieved accreditation by AACSB International last year. As a result of this achievement, our school is eligible to establish a chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma, an international honor society for business students enrolled in programs accredited by AACSB. The School of Business Administration is currently planning our first induction ceremony to recognize eligible juniors, seniors, and MBA graduates at UHV.

Beta Gamma Sigma was founded as a national organization on February 19, 1913. The first national honor society in business was a merger of three separate societies established to honor academic achievement in business at the University of Wisconsin, University of Illinois and the University of California. With chapters in the United States, Canada, Hong Kong and the United Kingdom, Beta Gamma Sigma is now an international society dedicated to recognizing the most outstanding students of business and management. The Society serves business schools accredited by AACSB International, knowing that its membership of more than 500,000 comprises the brightest and best of the world's business leaders. This lifelong commitment to its members academic and professional success is defined in the Society's mission: to encourage and honor academic achievement in the study of business, and personal and professional excellence in the practice of business.

Beta Gamma Sigma membership provides recognition for a lifetime. While almost 300,000 students receive bachelor's or master's degrees in business each year, only about 20,000 are inducted into lifetime membership in Beta Gamma Sigma. Students ranking in the top 7 percent of the junior class, top 10 percent of the senior class, and top 20 percent of master's programs at schools accredited by AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business are eligible for this invitation.

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Spring 2006 MBA Open Houses

A SoBA Open House is held at the Cinco Ranch location the last Wednesday of each month from 4 to 7pm, and at the Sugar Land location the second Wednesday of each month from 4 to 7pm. For more information, please go to: http://www.uhv.edu/bus/adm/openhouse.asp

Spring 2006 GMAT Sessions

A SoBA GMAT Session is held each month at one of the three University of Houston-Victoria campus locations: University of Houston-Victoria, UH System at Sugar Land, UH System at Cinco Ranch. For more information, please go to: http://www.uhv.edu/bus/adm/gmat.asp

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