

MU TABOR SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

TABOR ALUMNI BOARD

Notes from virtual meeting on August 30, 2024 at 2:00 PM central time via MS Teams.

TAB members present: Nico Amoroso, Dena Arendt, Tony Douglass, Jamie Gray, Xiu Zheng Pratt

TAB members absent: Zane Peterson

Tabor faculty/staff present: Becky Nims, RJ Podeschi

Agenda:

- Welcome
- Career readiness
 - Work in the classroom needs to be translated to students' resumes, interview discussions, etc.
 - How can we teach that better?
- Mentorship program
 - Move to opt-in format?
 - Do we need more semesters of compulsory meetings to help establish a foundation?
- Job Promise Guarantee
 - Looking at majors across Millikin (Accounting)
 - If a student meets certain requirements during their time at Millikin, we will make sure they find employment within 6 months of graduation.
- MS Teams Usage
 - Nico inquired about using MS Teams for collaboration in courses – often used in the workplace
 - RJ reported that some courses, specifically in MIS, are already doing this
- AI in the curriculum
 - TAB members inquired about adding AI topics to our curriculum
 - How to leverage it for learning, in the job, but not letting it do the work for you
 - Use it to improve, not replace
 - Find ways to use it ethically & responsibly
 - Still need discernment & critical thinking to know how & why things work even with AI assistance
- Growth in transfer numbers
 - Working on articulation agreements with area community colleges

- Richland – done
 - In progress:
 - Heartland CC
 - Lincolnland CC
 - Parkland CC
 - Lakeland CC
 - Parkland has Applied Associates of Science in Management which was designed for CAT employees in Champaign.
 - Can we create a pathway for them to complete their degree in our online OL program?
 - Are there other companies we could work with to create similar programs?
 - Have also created a reverse articulation agreement at Richland.
 - You can complete your Associate's degree by taking the final few classes at Millikin.
 - Benefit's both Richland and Millikin's completion rates.
- Online programs
 - OL has been successful online
 - What is the next program we could move entirely online?
 - Online MBA is not on the list; Millikin has one of only three in-person MBA programs in Illinois.
- Tabor enrollment
 - Numbers are looking good. Tabor has experienced higher growth than the rest of campus
 - Goal of 100 new students every year to build Tabor enrollment to 400 students
 - This number will support more faculty, programs, etc.
- TAB in-person meeting during Homecoming
 - Saturday, September 28 from 9:00 – 10:30 AM in Tabor.
 - Will discuss Strategic Plan updates
- Other Homecoming events – come if you can!
 - Friday, September 27 from 3:30 – 5:00 PM in the UC lobby – Tabor is partnering with the Decatur Regional Chamber of Commerce to host a networking event with local business people.
 - Friday, September 27 at 5:30 – Alumni Awards Dinner
 - Register for Homecoming events here: https://millikinalum.my.salesforce-sites.com/pmtx/evt_conf_detail?id=a2xPf00000003NxIIE&lang=en_US
- Adjournment

