Greetings to all online students! As we start a new academic year and a new semester, we'd like to welcome the new students to the GMBA program. We wish all students a very successful semester. In this issue of the newsletter, information is provided on the following topics:

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New Core Curriculum

UTD's new core curriculum for the MBA degree starts Fall 2004. New core courses to be offered for the first time are AIM 6201 and AIM 6202 (replacing previously required AIM 6305), MECO 6303 (replacing MECO 6201 which had been offered as MAS6V07 to both UTD and UT-System TeleCampus students), and OPRE 6302 Operations Management (which replaces both OPRE 6201 and OPRE 6260). Students admitted before Fall, 2004, may continue to take the previous accounting core course as it will remain to serve the TeleCampus, and may take for one semester only MECO 6201 online. Please contact the Advising Office if you need special degree plan accommodations during this transition period.

Fall 2004 New Courses

In the Fall semester, the following new GMBA online courses will be offered:

AIM 6201 Financial Accounting (2 credit hours, new core): Students will explore the role of financial accounting information in the economy and learn how accounting information found in financial statements and annual reports is used in decision-making by investors, analysts, creditors and managers. Instructor: Mark Anderson.

AIM 6202 Managerial Accounting (2 credit hours, new core): Students will study how managerial accounting information supports the operational and strategic needs of the enterprise and how managers use accounting information for decision-making, learning, planning and controlling activities within organizations. Instructor: Surya Janakiraman

OPRE 6302 Operations Management (3 credit hours, new core): Operations Management integrates all of the activities and processes that are necessary to provide products and services. This course provides overviews of methods and models that help managers make better operating decisions over time. How these methods will allow firms to operate both manufacturing and service facilities in order to compete in a global environment will also be discussed. Prerequisite: OPRE 6301
(old STAT5311/MAS6V08). Instructor: Milind Dawande

IMS 6360 International Strategic Management (3 credit hours, new elective): This course examines the strategic challenges that multinational firms face. Issues such as managing across national boundaries, responding to environmental challenges, managing international joint ventures and strategic alliances, managing headquarters-subsidiary relationships and developing global capabilities will be discussed. Instructor: Kurt Siklar

Please see G MBA "Course Offerings" page for more details.

Spring 2005 course preview is also available on the Course Offerings page. Please note FIN 6301 Financial Management core course has been added to Spring 2005 semester offering based on student demands.

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Using UTD Email Account

Beginning August 1, 2004, all official student email from the UTD Office of the Registrar will be sent to the student’s UTD email address. G MBA program office will also follow this new UTD policy to communicate with students via student’s UTD email account.

UTD provides each student with a free email account that is to be used in all communication with university personnel. This allows the university to maintain a high degree of confidence in the identity of all individuals corresponding and the security of the transmitted information.

We’d like to ask all students to start using your UTD email account beginning Fall 2004 semester. To access your UTD email, please go to: http://pipeline.utdallas.edu and login with your UTD NetID and password (same as WebCT login).

The Department of Information Resources at UTD provides a method for students to forward email from other accounts to their UTD address and have their UTD mail sent to other accounts. Students may go to the following URL to establish the email forwarding if necessary: http://netid.utdallas.edu. This web page will also allow students to maintain their official UTD computer NetID account, e.g. updating the account password.

For questions or assistance with your UTD email account, please contact UTD Computer Help Desk at: assist@utdallas.edu or 972-883-2911.

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Comments from Recent Graduates

A new addition to the online MBA program’s website is comments from recent graduates. Inquirers often ask what online students think about the program. Now some views can be shared. If you are soon to graduate - - we expect to welcome 15 more alums at the end of the 2004 Summer term - - and would like to share your thoughts about the program, please direct an email to George Barnes, Global MBA Online director.

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AIM Online Courses

The Accounting and Information Management (AIM) Area at the School of Management has a new online program - UTD Accounting Online. The program has started to offer a number of accounting courses online. Interested GMBA Online program students may take those courses as electives with the approval of the GMBA Advisor. See the above web page and GMBA Course Offerings page for the currently available AIM online courses.

Important Reminders

Academic calendar: Please keep in mind that our program follows the exact same academic calendar of the university. All deadlines apply to online students. It's important that you follow the schedule to pay fees, drop/add classes, etc.

Course registration: Priority is given to GMBA students for core course registration. GMBA students should register for classes during the early registration period. Registration request from graduate students with other majors will be processed when regular registration starts. Please send your registration request to gmbaadvising@utdallas.edu.

Graduation application: The deadline for graduation application is August 26 for Fall 2004. Please email the GMBA Advisor at gmbaadvising@utdallas.edu if you are graduating. Please also see the Graduation Web Site for more information.

Updating password: Please make sure you have a valid UTD NetID account and update your account password periodically (6 -12 months) so that you can access UTD WebCT courses without any interruption. Please see GMBA FAQ - Password. You can go to NetID Page for password updating.

Fall 2004 term course starting dates: 3-credit full term and 1st 8-week courses starting on Aug. 19 and 2nd 8-week courses starting on Oct. 14. Courses will be released for student access on or right before these dates. Please check out Getting Started Information page on course access instructions and other information. An email reminder will also be sent out to the registered students right before the semester starts.