

**SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE  
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**

**Advisory Committee Meeting  
Thursday, April 25, 2013 7:30-9:30 AM Room H-117**

<b>In Attendance</b>		<b>Not Present</b>	
Matt Carney	Hostelling International USA	Brian Blake	San Diego State University
Angela Croce	San Diego City Schools	Patricia Capritta Payne	Capritta & Associates, Inc.
Paul Melchior	San Diego State University	Andy Cornesky	San Diego Yacht Club
Miwa Nakajima	W Hotel	David Dart	Estancia La Jolla Hotel & Spa
Pamela Skalicky	Hilltop High School	Gerrica Gray	San Diego Convention Center Corp
		Patricia Gunn	Grand Pacific Palisades Resort Hotel
Andrea Luoma	Mesa College	Arlyn Hackett	Garfield School Culinary Arts
Kit Butler	Mesa College & Residence Inn Sorrento Valley	Sarah Haviland	Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines
Monica Romero	Mesa College Career Services	Peter Luster	Déjà vu Consulting
		Dave McHugh	San Diego State University
		Mark Mendoza	Coronado Unified School District
		Jay Pastoral	Stone Ridge Country Club
		Heather Riordan	LEGOLAND California
		Sue Schaffner	Hostelling International USA
		Geneene Thornton	Celebration Event Planning
		Millie Torres	Handelry Hotel
		Vaughn Vargus	UCSD Housing Dining & Hospitality
		Linda Villalobos	Brigatine Restaurants

**WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Paul Melchior from SDSU agreed to run the meeting.

**INTENTION OF SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

- The value that industry professionals bring programs is in their expertise and advice on existing and proposed curriculum, internships, career experiences, networking, trends and current knowledge of the industry, among other areas. As Mesa College business students transition among industry sector, one advisory committee sharing information across sectors will create a mutually beneficial relationship between education and industry.

**APPROVAL OF HOSPITALITY MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

**OLD BUSINESS – No Old Business**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Monica Romero spoke about the services offered via the Mesa College career center, including job readiness workshops, career counseling, and Job Connect a website for students, graduates, alumni and employers to find jobs and post job openings.

- Mesa's class drop rate as picked up by 15%, this is similar to pre-economic recession levels.
- The Dean, Jill Baker, has granted additional class sections of HOSP 101 (Introduction to Hospitality) and 115 (Strategic Leadership) for the fall. These are important pipeline classes.
- Introduction of Students
  - Nicolas Villarino, Hotel and Culinary student,
  - Tara Norton, Event and Hotel student
  - Both spoke about their experiences as students in the Hospitality Program, the struggles and rewards of the program and the one of a kind knowledge they receive from having instructors that currently working in the industry.

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR COMMITTEE:

- Recommendations for additional committee members
- Paul Melchior mentioned that UCSD would be opening a new dining facility
- Kit Butler said that Marriott business is coming back and the govt seems to be spending more, though the sequester will most likely impact by third quarter.

#### NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR

- October 10, 2013, 7:30AM-9:30AM, to be both face-to-face and virtual to accommodate all.
- A discussion was had to not lose the face-to-face...we are hospitality afterall!

MEETING ADJORNED