

MU TABOR SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

DEAN'S BUSINESS COUNCIL

Notes from Zoom meeting on May 18, 2020 at 2:00 PM central time.

DBC members: Tony Douglass, Sheri Eichelberger, Trevor May, Zane Peterson, Jamie Rockhold, Bob Smith, Kevin Stocks, Bob Swartz, Dave Weatherford

Tabor faculty/staff: Najiba Benabess, Becky Stubblefield, Elizabeth Wolpert

- Presentation – Najiba Benabess (file attached)
 - Dean Benabess presented updates from Tabor and Millikin. These notes will supplement the information contained in the slides.
- The DBC welcomed new member Tony Douglass, and new Tabor staff member, Elizabeth Wolpert (Assistant to the Dean for Enrollment Management).
- Slide 7 discussion:
 - The number of total graduates is a relatively small percentage of total enrollment. This is likely due to the fact that 4 years ago we had a large, but somewhat unprepared freshman class. The freshman-to-sophomore retention rate that year was lower than usual, resulting in a substantially smaller graduating class now.
 - No OL students graduated in May because the current cohort model produces a December graduation.
 - Dean Benabess told the DBC about the newly-approved, revamped OL program, which removes the cohort model and allows incoming OL students to get into the program courses immediately. It will remove many barriers for these students.
- Slide 9 discussion:
 - President White announced last week that our goal is to start the fall semester in person, on September 8, 2020. This initiative could include changing housing options, changing class size limits, and finding ways to implement social distancing whenever possible.

- Faculty are being encouraged to make contingency plans for any other possible modes of instruction, so we can pivot easier if needed.
- The university, and incoming president, will be evaluating all of the