Perspectives on my first three months

I am honored to have the privilege to lead the University of Missouri – St. Louis College of Business Administration. The College is composed of a fine faculty and staff and hardworking students. It holds the promise to be greater than the sum of its parts. I am particularly honored to work with the alumni, people who have given so much to the College by their continuing support.

A major result of last year’s efforts was the College Strategic Plan. The strategic plan was the result of work by faculty, administrators and alumni that was accomplished before I arrived. It contains many useful ideas and the action plans are in process. We must continue to review all these ideas with an eye on improving the College.

I have not quickly adopted policies and programs for implementation upon arrival. Instead I have charged the various components of the College, including the faculty, to proceed with deliberation and thought, building for long term strength rather than short term splash. This will not happen overnight. It will take time to review programs. It will take time and the proper priorities to consider the strategic plan and its implementation.

The one major strategic action that is called for in the plan is the creation of a new home for the College of Business Administration. This project, the renovation of and addition to the former University Center and J.C. Penney Home would allow the College of Business Administration to have a modern facility for a top urban business program. It will be a goal for the College to be part of this project. It is an exciting opportunity to create a facility for a top urban business program.

I am proud to have served the College as the Interim Dean for the past year. Thank you for your stewardship of the College.

Dr. Keith Womer
Dean
Donald Driemeier Retires

Donald H. Driemeier, Deputy Chancellor Emeritus, retired August 31, 2004 after 39 years of service to the University of Missouri System and the College of Business Administration. Driemeier will continue to work part time for the University of Missouri System and the College of Business Administration.

During his tenure, Driemeier served as interim vice chancellor of academic affairs, at which time he was appointed deputy to the chancellor. Driemeier also served as interim chancellor from January 2003 to September 2003, when Chancellor Thomas F. George assumed office.

Driemeier will continue to work part time for the University of Missouri System and the College of Business Administration.

Catherine Schultz, BSBA finance, accounting 1989, graduated with his MBA from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1998. Driemeier is a member of the Missouri Botanical Garden, Civic Progress, Eden Theological Seminary, Deaconess Foundation and Keystone Bank.

Dmitry Alimov, BSBA accounting 1997, is a tax support specialist at Wells International in St. Louis. He works for the St. Louis area Frontier Baseball League.

Anne S. Freund, BSBA marketing/organizational behavior, was promoted to chief operations officer and vice president at CBA in Brief. She is also a coach for the University of Maryland Heights. She is currently an MBA student at UM-St. Louis. She was married in Maryland Heights. She is currently an MBA student at UM-St. Louis. She was married in Maryland Heights. She is currently an MBA student at UM-St. Louis. She was married in Maryland Heights. She is currently an MBA student at UM-St. Louis. She was married in Maryland Heights. She is currently an MBA student at UM-St. Louis. She was married in Maryland Heights. She is currently an MBA student at UM-St. Louis. She was married in Maryland Heights. She is currently an MBA student at UM-St. Louis. She was married in Maryland Heights. She is currently an MBA student at UM-St. Louis. She was married in Maryland Heights. She is currently an MBA student at UM-St. Louis. She was married in Maryland Heights.
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... was young, he feels a strong commitment to give back. His advice to the audience was not to be afraid to ask for help and to have the courage to seize opportunities.

Because of the opportunities Weaver was given when he asked Clark for a job. He started out doing odd jobs after school and eventually worked as a carpenter/laborer throughout high school and college and became like a son to Clark.

Weaver started working at Clayco when he was 12 after he worked as a contractor and subcontractors in gaining a larger market share of the projects in St. Louis. Administration in 1997, started his own firm, Legacy Building Group which specializes in design-build in 2002. Weaver sees Legacy as an opportunity to assist minority contractors and subcontractors in gaining a larger market share of the projects in St. Louis.

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Richter has been actively involved with both the University and the College of Business Administration. He is currently a member of the Chancellors Advisory Board and was the alumni representative on the Deans Search Committee as well as his involvement with the Advisory Board.

A 1968 graduate of UM-St. Louis-based Clayco Construction Co, the 28th largest design-and-build construction company in the nation. Clark, as the founder of Clayco, talked about his adventures and the opportunities he has been given as chair of Clayco.

In 1978 and became Treasurer in May 1997 after serving as Controller of the Company from 1983 to May 1997.

Clark outlined his philosophy for a successful construction business. First, hire the best and brightest individuals who are willing to make a commitment to the success of the business. Second, keep your clients satisfied and be willing to treat them as if they were your own family. Finally, be selective in where to build, pursue first class accounts and negotiated projects.

Robert Clark is chair and chief executive officer of Sigma-Aldrich Treasurer, Sigma-Aldrich...
The past year has been a time of transition for the College of Business Administration. With the year-long development of a new five year strategic plan, changes in administration both within the College and development of new initiatives have yielded the College of Business Administration a new direction and focus.

Strategic Plan 2004-2008

The College initiated a strategic planning process in September, 2003. Many meetings were held with College faculty, staff, students, and alumni, as well as with other stakeholder groups. The centerpiece of this process has been the development of a new plan entitled, "Developing the 21st Century Workforce."

The faculty adopted a Vision – Mission – Values document. Seven goals were adopted and action plans for their attainment were completed.

The College Vision Statement describes our aspiration to "become one of the top metropolitan public business schools in the country and be recognized as a leading educator of the workforce of the St. Louis region, and with our mission to provide high-quality business education for those who wish to pursue a promising career in business management." Our strategic plan outlines how we will achieve these goals.

New Administration

In the past year, not only was the College of Business Administration searching for a new dean, but the University was searching for a new provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs and the new Chancellor had recently arrived. Thomas F. George became the 7th Chancellor for UM-St. Louis. He previously served for 7 years as the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. He also holds the title of Distinguished Professor in Chemistry. He received both his masters degree and his doctoral degree in theoretical chemistry from Yale University.

On August 1st, 2004, Dr. Keith Womer began his appointment as Dean of the College of Business Administration. He had been serving as director of the Center for Business and International Studies at the University of Mississippi. As Dean, he will oversee the nation’s number one public business school and will implement the College’s new strategic plan.

Dean Womer earned a doctoral degree in economics in 1970 from The Pennsylvania State University and a B.A. from Miami University. He has also held faculty appointments at East China Textile University in Shanghai, the University of Torino in Italy and Clemson University in South Carolina. He has published extensively in the area of cost estimation and project management in the public sector.

Glen Cope was appointed Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs on August 16, 2004. Prior to assuming this position, Dr. Cope served as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. Dr. Cope received a masters degree in public administration from Syracuse University and a doctorate from The Ohio State University.

New Initiatives

The first goal of the strategic plan is "Construct a new, named College facility and create a learning community with faculty, students, classrooms, centers, and services. The College will continuously seek new ways to improve the quality of its educational programs and innovative learning environments."

At the undergraduate level, the College has developed an Academic Internship Program to provide students with real-world experience to complement their academic experiences. An academic internship is a work-related experience that is supervised by a faculty member. It contains academic content sufficient to merit 1-3 hours of academic credit. The College also continues to increase the number of technology supported courses using interactive learning environments. The College leads the nation in the number of study abroad opportunities. Past summers included trips to Vienna and Japan and, this summer, to Vienna and Thailand.

At the graduate level, the College has approved plans to launch an International Masters of Business Administration degree program to begin fall 2005. The two-year program will be based at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Students will attend UM-St. Louis for their first year and intern in the United States. Students will then return to UM-St. Louis in the fall for two more semesters. In addition, the program's students from the partnering schools will attend UM-St. Louis for their second year and intern in the United States. Students will receive a joint degree from UM-St. Louis and the partnering school. Talks are underway to offer one or more MBA programs onsite at BJC Healthcare.

Finally, the College is continuing its progress towards reaccreditation by AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, the preeminent institution in the world for accreditation of business education programs. The Self-Study Report will be submitted this fall and the Peer Review Team will visit the campus in February 2005.

During this year of transition, the College has developed a well defined mission and vision, and a detailed plan to achieve its goals. We are very excited for the future.