**The Economics Council of Majors Meeting 4/20/11**

*The meeting was called to order by Ryan Wentworth, President, on Wednesday April 20th, 2011 at 12:05pm.*

**Topics**

1. **Introduction of one new member**, David, Economics Major
2. **Upcoming Events & Fundraisers –** see attached fliers for details
   1. ***Personal Finance Seminar­*** – This event will be held on **Monday, April 25th during free hour in LH 3 (admin building)**
   2. ***Rita’s Fundraiser*** *–* This fundraiser will be on **Tuesday April 26th between 5-8pm at Rita’s of Arbutus.** 20% of all sales during these hours will be donated to our organization so bring all of your friends because the more people, the more money we make
   3. ***Financial Planning Career Seminar*** *–* This event will be held on **Wednesday, May 4th during free hour in PUP 204**
3. **Annual Economics Awards Banquet –** On Saturday May 7th, the Economics Department in collaboration with ECOM and ODE will be hosting the Annual Economics Awards Banquet starting at 6pm. The event is at the UMBC Technology Center on UMBC’s South Campus. Fee for admission is due by Friday April 29th in PUP 344 and is $30 for students and guests, or $5 for ODE inductees (still $30 for inductee guests though)
4. **URCAD - Wednesday, April 27th 2011 –** If at any point during your college career you would be interest in doing research you should attend one of the events listed below, they are presentation being put on by current Economics or Financial Economics students that have conducted research and should be very informative and a good insight into what doing research would entail  
   1. **11:30 - 11:45** - William Hanchett - “The Effects of Risk Aversion on Portfolio Asset Allocation” - **UC 310 or 312**
   2. **11:45-12:00pm** - Leonid Kritz - “A Market Timing Strategy to Achieve Excess Returns” - **UC 310 or 312**
   3. **1:15 - 1:30** - Marie Steele - “Human Capital Explanation of the Gender Wage Gap, 1875-1950.” - **UC 310 or 312**
   4. For more details about URCAD see the link below <http://www.umbc.edu/undergrad_ed/research/urcad/>
5. If you are interested in being a **campus ambassador** for **Becker (CFA & CPA Prep course provider)** please let me know, there current campus ambassador is graduating and they are looking for a new one. You would also receive free materials from the company so it would be a great deal if you are interested in CFA or CPA
6. **Portfolio Management Team –** Things are going really well, and the Market Watch Game is a big hit, at the last meeting, they discussed Systemic Risk, as well as individual companies/commodities Precious Metals, Google, and Gamestop. There next meeting will be **Monday, May 2nd, from 12-1pm in PUP 367**. Also, there will be a third Market Watch game starting near the end of the semester, and running the duration of the summer. More info later.
7. **Election Results** – Officers for next year are as follows:
   1. **President** – Ryan Wentworth
   2. **Vice President** – Kevin Liu
   3. **Treasurer** – Wendy Baeg
   4. **Secretary** – Brandan McGee
8. **Logo –** ECOM has picked it’s official logo (attached to the email), it was designed by Kevin Liu, we will now work on getting a banner made for the beginning of next Fall
9. **Next Semester** – I would really like to hear what types of events you would like to see next semester, so please send me suggestions so that I can set them up. Current Suggestions are
   1. **Interviewing Skills Workshop/Mock Interviews**
   2. **Guest Speaker from Goldman Sachs**
   3. **Professor Carpenter speaking about an Economics Topic**
   4. **Consulting/Management Career Seminar**
   5. **Fundraisers**

Please send me more suggestions to add to this list.

*The meeting was adjourned at 12:48pm.*