

FRESHMAN EDITION FALL 2006

The SBA Advisor

School of Business Administration

Oakland University

Welcome from the Dean

Welcome to Oakland University's School of Business Administration. If you are looking to establish a career in business, then the OU SBA is where you want to be. The business school is a learning community that brings together world-class faculty, exceptional students, partnerships with global corporations and a network of successful alumni. Students graduate with relevant, highly-valued knowledge and business skills to compete in the rapidly changing business environment.

The faculty and staff in the SBA are committed to innovating you to the best, state-of-the-art business education. We are

expert faculty with an appropriate mix of theoretical and practical knowledge to help ensure you will receive the best in business education.

As dean, I hope you are finding your first semester at Oakland University to be a successful and productive one. I would like to encourage you to become actively involved in university activities as part of your educational experience. The SBA has much to offer you in terms of extra-curricular activities.

Our hope is that you find your stay at OU to be an enjoyable and rewarding experience.



Jonathan Silberman, Ph.D., Dean

It's Time for Winter Scheduling!!

Freshman Group Advising

Students are encouraged to attend our Freshman Group Advising sessions during their first semester at Oakland University. At these group advising sessions, students will meet with their adviser along with a group of classmates in the program to select courses for the second semester. Advisers will also help answer questions students may have about the School of Business Administration. We will begin promptly at the scheduled time, so we ask students to be on time for their session. Click [here](#) to register for a group advising session.



Undergraduate Advising Has Moved!

As of September 25th, the advising office will become a part of the new **Undergraduate Leadership and Development Center**. This center will be located at **238 Elliott Hall**. This is the previous office of the Center for Executive and Continuing Education. In addition to academic advising, the new Executive in Residence will be housed there, as well as career services representatives. Student success workshops are also in the works, allowing for students to engage in programs geared at Time Management, Study Skills, and Learning Styles, to name a few. We also plan to have a career nook, stocked with the latest resources to assist students in career planning. There are many exciting things on the way so please stop in and see us!!!

Reminder:

The School of Business Administration will check course enrollments to make sure that students meet all of the catalog pre-requisites for the course.

Important dates

The *last day to withdraw* from a class for the fall semester is **November 1st**.

Registration for Winter 2007

Freshmen registration begins on **November 16th** at midnight for SAIL on the web.

Check the winter Class Schedule by clicking the SAIL icon on the OU home page.



Meet your Executive in Residence

The SBA has its first Executive in Residence starting this fall. Mr. Rande Somma is President and CEO of leadership and development company Rande Somma & Associates. Rande retired in 2003 from Johnson Controls, Inc. At that time, he was serving as Corporate Officer and President of the Automotive Operations worldwide. The scope of his responsibilities included 280 manufacturing sites, 5 regional technical centers and approximately 75,000 employees. He also served as a member of DaimlerChrysler, Ford, and General Motors supplier advisory councils, the only supplier executive to be appointed to all three councils concurrently. His educational background includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Clearly, he knows a thing or two about "business." He is well positioned to educate, coach, and advance students into business professionals. Students are strongly encouraged to utilize Mr. Somma's expertise and training to expand their professional horizons. Mr. Somma is available on Tuesdays to assist with mock interviews or other career development needs. He will also be in the classroom, giving presentations from time to time. His office is located within the new Undergraduate Leadership & Development Center, 238 Elliott Hall. To make an appointment, call 248-370-3285.