

MBA association members,

The position of **Vice President** is one that I feel is vital to the success of the MBA Association and therefore also the MBA program. The **Vice President** is charged with assisting and advising the president, creating and expanding professional events, coordinating and implementing the Mentoring program, as well as organizing and facilitating recruiting events in conjunction with the Associate Director. I feel my past experiences as a **Non commissioned Officer (NCO)** in the U.S. Army and as a **graduate assistant in the MBA** office has more than prepared me for this position.

As a **NCO**, I have assisted commanders with the preparation/implementation of training exercises for enlisted soldiers and with the recruitment of new personnel into the intelligence field. I have had the privilege to work as a liaison between foreign government officials, members of the State Department, and high ranking military officers.

My job as a **graduate assistant** has allowed me to work daily with the Associate Dean/Director, the Associate Directors, and other MBA office staff with the recruitment of new students into the MBA program. My day to day experiences in the office have increased my understanding of how the program functions and will help me to better relay the concerns of my fellow MBAs. Most importantly, I have had the opportunity to work with and learn from many of the current MBAA officers.

Through both of these experiences I have gain immeasurable insight into what is required to properly lead and execute the duties of the office. Two main activities that I would like to further expand and concentrate on are the **Mentoring Program** and **Recruitment**.

### **Mentoring Program**

The Mentor/Mentee Program, as an initiative for the MBA Association can be better facilitated to provide greater benefit for first year students.

Still keeping the mentoring program voluntary, I plan to refine it by providing those participating mentors with clear guidance in how to help 1<sup>st</sup> year students transition into the MBA program. All first year students should receive consistent guidance and access to resources from their mentors.

In addition, I plan to organize 2<sup>nd</sup> year groups to better explain to 1<sup>st</sup> year students at the start of the fall semester the benefits and challenges of pursuing each concentration. Communication between the two classes will improve the degree of learning as well as increase the students' enjoyment of their years in the program.

## **Recruitment**

Recruitment is and always will be a product of current and former students. Their level of success during and after the two years here is positively reflected to prospective students in the school's rankings and the reputation of the alumni work force.

Improving the MBA experience for current students not only will generate better overall learning but will consequentially encourage those students to assist future classes of Flores MBAs with career guidance, internships, or full time job opportunities. Therefore, in addition to helping set up recruitment events, I will work with the president to improve the MBA experience by relaying the concerns and suggestions of fellow students to the faculty and staff involving curriculum and the program in general.

If given the chance as vice president, I would take on the responsibility of ensuring that every aspect of the association is functioning to its full potential. With great leadership, the MBAA can create an experience beyond the curriculum that cultivates students into business leaders and takes the program a step further by creating an environment full of opportunities for the students.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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