

# Finance Club Kicks Off Academic Year with Networking Event

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The Business Finance Club began its second year of existence by welcoming students and alumni of the Carey Business School to a reception that attracted more than 50 attendees, business representatives and key university officials at the DC Center on 9/10. Finance Club President Fernando Boccanera offered a PowerPoint presentation to highlight his plans for the 2007-2008 year and to introduce existing and prospective club members to his fellow board members. He also took questions from the attendees and encouraged those in attendance to volunteer to help the club achieve its goals and pursue projects that include the launch of a Trading Room, Wall Street financial modeling and other events.

The reception, co-sponsored with the school's Professional Career Services (<http://www.careerservices.jhu.edu>), featured a variety of food and beverages that allowed those attending the evening reception to enjoy refreshments and stimulating conversation. Patrick Madsen, director of career services, attended the event and stayed until the end of the evening in an attempt to meet as many students as possible. Madsen was recognized during Boccanera's presentation as a valuable resource for alumni and current students alike who are interested in searching for employment opportunities. The career services office collects and posts job listings that are available to students and alumni. Also in attendance to greet attendees were Finance Department Chairman Dr. Ken Yook and Finance Club board members, including Vice President Vik Subbu and Trading Room Director Paul Dykewicz.

Highlights of Boccanera's presentation included an update about the Carey School of Business advancing its national search for a new dean that is expected to culminate later this fall with a formal announcement. One of the Finance Club's key priorities will be for its representatives to meet with the new dean and other university officials to explore ways to work with the Carey Business School in the creation of a Trading Room. The intent of that project is to give students and alumni experience in trading securities that will be relevant and applicable for those interested in investment careers. Other activities planned for the academic year include additional networking events and career development opportunities. The activities of the Finance Club can be viewed online at <http://web.jhu.edu/financeclub>.