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From the President

By Fernando Boccanera

As we start our second year in existence, I would like to review with you our Club's brief but exciting history. The Business School's Finance Club is the brain child of Dr. Celso Brunetti, who worked for three years to get it off the ground. Students founded the club at a meeting at the DC Campus on May 11, 2006. Forty-two students attended that first meeting, all of whom joined as club members. The first President, Jagveer Singh was elected and Mr. Singh immediately chose the following officers to serve with him on the Executive Committee: Mike Mazek (Vice-President), Zenora Khan (Secretary), Irene Castillo (Treasurer), William Chen (Social Chair) and Fernando Boccanera (Webmaster). The initial team had some changes at the end of 2006 with the departure of Ms. Castillo and Mr. Chen and in the beginning of 2007 with the addition of Vik Subbu.

When the 2006-2007 academic year ended, the Club held summer elections and the members elected me to serve as President for the 2007-2008 academic year. Dr. Brunetti left the club at this time to pursue other Carey School duties, and Dr. McMillan has replaced him.

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Finance Club Kicks Off Academic Year with Networking Event

By Paul Dykewicz

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.

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Wall Street Prep Seminars

Wall Street Prep is a leading financial training firm that is very successful at teaching industry-sought skills to finance students. The program is a major force on business campuses across the nation.

In partnership with the Professional Career Services, the Club will be hosting Wall Street Prep's seminars at the University on November 3rd, December 8th, February 23rd and April 5th. These intensive 1-day seminars are led by former investment bankers with applied expertise in financial and valuation modeling methodologies, and bridge the gap between academics and the real world to equip students with the practical financial skill set that they will need on the job.

The Club has arranged for WSP seminars to be provided at a deeply discounted fee. On top of that there is a discount for taking multiple seminars and Club members get an additional 10% discount. You can learn more about the upcoming seminars at

<http://web.jhu.edu/financeclub/events.html> and at http://www.wallstreetprep.com/programs/details.php?package_id=13

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The reception, co-sponsored with the school's Professional Career Services (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>.

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Since being elected President, I have been aggressively recruiting officers and am very glad to announce the new Executive Committee:

- Fernando Boccanera - President
- Vik Subbu - Vice-president
- Uday Shankar - Treasurer
- Judy Slater - Secretary
- Eric Nie - Marketing Director
- Matthew McCombs - Education Director
- Paul Dykewicz - Trading Room Director
- Marisa Greenwald - Event Director
- Zenora Khan - Industry Advisory Council Liaison
- Mineto Kariya - Webmaster

With ten officers, this is the largest EC so far and a good mix of students and alumni. Although most of the officers are serving for the first time, the three officers from the previous EC provide continuity, which is very important in a volunteer organization.

The Executive Committee has been working non-stop to plan the new academic year, organize events and define a calendar of activities. The year's first event was the Kickoff Meeting and Industry Networking on September 10, a great success with the attendance of more than 50 students and alumni. We have also been marketing our Club throughout the school with the goal of aggressively increasing our membership of 107 individuals.

With the full Executive Committee in place, the Club now has the capacity to pursue several initiatives concurrently, which will result in many activities and opportunities for those interested in bridging the gap between academic knowledge and industry skills.

As new developments come in, we will announce them by e-mail and also post on our website at <http://web.jhu.edu/financeclub>.

We are very excited about this year and look forward to meeting you at our future events.

Sincerely,

Fernando Boccanera

President, Carey Business School Finance Club

Calendar of Events

The current calendar, seen below, is also on:

<http://web.jhu.edu/financeclub/events.html>

Date	Day	Event
9/10/2007	Mon	Kickoff meeting and Industry Networking
10/24/2007	Wed	CFA Open House
11/03/2007	Sat	Wall Street Prep Financial Statement Modeling in Excel
12/08/2007	Sat	Wall Street Prep Valuation/DCF
2/23/2008	Sat	Wall Street Prep Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A) Modeling
4/05/2008	Sat	Wall Street Leveraged Buyout (LBO) Modeling