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“Supporting Deakin in becoming Australia’s most progressive University”



Message from the Executive

Dear Alumni members.

2010 has been an exciting year for the Alumni. Building on the successes of prior years the Commerce Alumni Chapter has continued to grow and expand.

We have held four successful networking events with the final event celebrating the appointment of a new Executive this evening. The choice of some of Melbourne's top bars created a relaxed and classy environment leading to Alumni attending events for the first time.

Our two professional development events were received extremely well. Our Property Seminar at the RACV by one of Melbourne's leading property experts was topical and had a large turnout of Alumni from across all faculties. Our Leadership/Mentoring Seminar held at Ernst & Young by two former Deakin graduates was insightful and well attended and will undoubtedly be repeated in years to come.

Our on campus presentations by individual Alumni members provided important information to Deakin students about life after studying. Alumni members and future Deakin students were also fortunate to hear from Alumni in a number of countries overseas.

It has been an honour acting as President and Vice President for 2010. We thank all of those people who have contributed to the success of the Chapter this year and look forward to their continued involvement in 2011.

Whilst 2010 has been a fantastic year for the Alumni, 2011 promises to take the Alumni to another level.



Michael Levy
Chapter President



Mark Hui
Chapter Vice President



Message from the Faculty of Business and Law



As 2010 draws to a close, I want to take the opportunity to reflect on the importance of relationship between the Deakin's Faculty of Business and Law and the alumni group.

Alumni contribute to the enrichment and enhancement of the quality of our education by:

- fostering professional, academic and social links with the Faculty
- providing feedback on our academic programs to ensure they remain flexible, responsive and relevant
- providing insights on the local, regional and international employment markets and developing links between students and employers
- partnering in research to advance knowledge development and quality improvement in business practices
- participating in continuous education and life-long learning

The development of the Faculty's relationship with you – our alumni group – is a high priority for me in the next year as we seek to deepen our partnership and provide greater opportunities for collaboration. For example, we are currently revisiting what it means to be a graduate of Deakin's Faculty of Business and Law. We will seek the input from our alumni on what attributes, values and skills define a Deakin graduate and enable them to excel in a demanding globalised work environment. We also plan to extend our interactions with the corporate community to ensure that Deakin continues to be progressive and responsive to the communities it serves. And finally, we seek to enhance opportunities for all alumni members to participate in professional development, life-long learning and networking activities.

The engagement of our alumni with the Faculty provides benefits to all involved. I'd particularly like to thank the members all of the members of the Deakin Commerce Alumni Executive. The Executive assist the Faculty organise reunions and alumni events, assist in fundraising, speak with prospective and current students, act as a sounding board for new ideas and promote the Deakin in their companies. I am very grateful for their support and enthusiasm and look forward to strengthening our relationship in 2011 and beyond.

I wish you and your family the very best for the festive season and hope that you have a safe and happy holiday.

Professor Gael McDonald

Dean, Faculty of Business and Law



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1 History and background of the Deakin Commerce Alumni Chapter

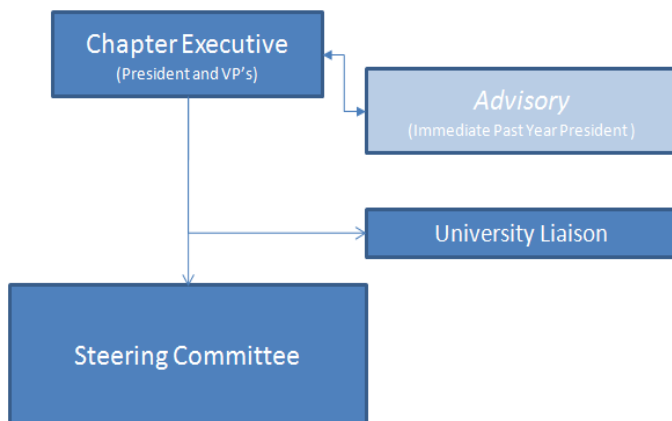
The Deakin Commerce Alumni Chapter (“the Chapter”) was established on 2nd August 2007.

The Chapter was established in response to the Faculty of Business and Law’s commitment to Deakin University's mission of being Australia's most progressive university, internationally recognised for the relevance, innovation and responsiveness in its teaching and learning, research, partnerships and international activities. To this end, it is the faculty's mission to constantly develop the skills of its current students and academic staff to ensure that they are maintained at world-class standards. It is also the faculty's mission to provide a medium of lifelong learning and communication between the university and its alumni.

1.1 Structure of the Chapter

The Chapter is Deakin University’s largest Alumni group. The Chapter encompasses alumni from the Faculty of Business and Law, including Deakin Business School, the School of Marketing and Management, the School of Information Systems and the School of Accounting Economics and Finance. Alumni are primarily past Graduates; however the group also consists of and welcomes former staff and academics, providing a lifelong connection with the University. There are currently approximately 7000 registered alumni linked to the Chapter.

In 2010 the Chapter was organised as follows:



The President of the Chapter for the 2010 year was Michael Levy (Senior Associate with Madgwicks, Deakin Graduate 2003) and Vice President as Mark Hui (Senior Consultant, LiTMUS Group, Deakin Graduate 2004). The Executive group are all volunteers.



In 2010 we structured the Alumni as follows:

1 – Networking Events

Team:

- Mark Hui
- Rani Engineer
- Shiraz Engineer
- Rowena Moore

2 – Professional Development Events

Team:

- Michael Levy
- Krishna Pillai
- Andrew Pfumojena
- James Osenaris

3 – University Profile Enhancement

Team:

- Mukund Narayanamurti
- Michael Clarke
- Michael D'Rosario
- Krishna Pillai
- James Osenaris
- John Persico



Several University staff directly assisted with the day-to-day organization and management of the Chapter and provided invaluable support to the Executive and Steering Committee. The key university liaisons in 2009 were:

- Professor Gael McDonald (Dean, Faculty Business and Law)
- Professor Tanya Castleman (Head of School, Deakin Business School)
- Professor Barry Cooper (Interim Head of School & Professor of Accounting)
- Barbara Yee (General Manager, Faculty Business and Law)
- Alastair Lee (Central Alumni Officer)
- Connie Cook (IT Support)
- Megan Smith (Marketing Manager)
- Brad Hanson (former Marketing Manager)

The Chapter Executives were elected unanimously at the third Annual General Meeting of the Chapter on 13 December 2009, after a 4-week nomination process and with the blessing of the Dean of the Faculty of Business and Law, Professor Gael McDonald. Professor Tanya Castleman, Head of the Deakin Business School, represented the University at the second Annual General Meeting, confirming the Faculties support for the Executive and Steering Committee.



2 Mission, vision and goals of the Chapter

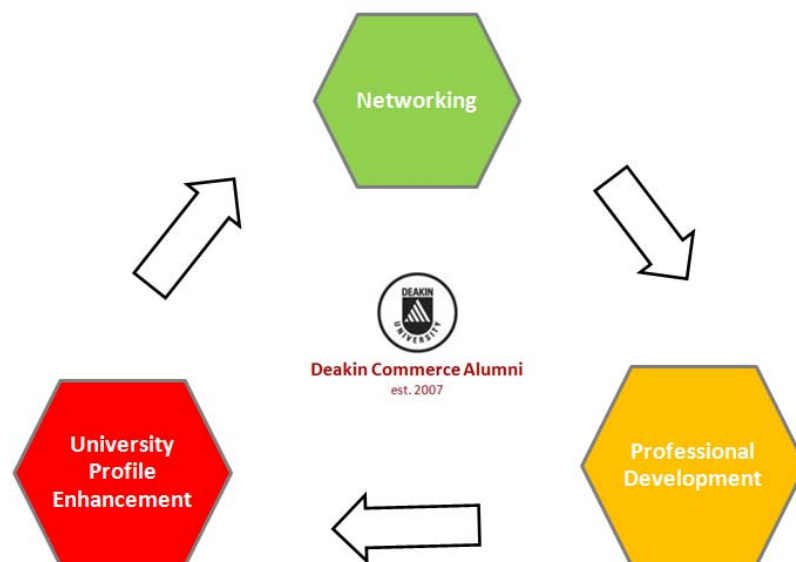
The mission, vision and goals of the Chapter were set in consultation with the Dean of the Faculty of Business and Law and the four Heads of School (that lead the four schools that comprise the Chapter).

Mission: The mission of the Chapter is to provide meaningful lifelong communication between the University and its alumni.

Vision: The vision of the Chapter is to provide the most relevant alumni community for its members to further enhance their careers and personal development.

Goals: The Chapter's mission and vision are achieved through a series of objectives that include:

- Networking;
- Professional development; and
- University profile enhancement



All efforts, events and activities of the Chapter are dedicated towards achieving these objectives.

A detailed strategic plan was established to achieve the above objectives. The plan was approved by the Dean of the Faculty of Business & Law Professor Gael McDonald.



The Chapter sustains its activities through financial support from the Faculty and from sponsorships from corporates in the form of access to corporate function rooms/ boardrooms and catering. The corporate sponsors for the 2010 year were Madgwicks Lawyers and Ernst & Young. The Chapter is most grateful for the outstanding support offered by these organisations.

3 Accomplishments of the Chapter

Detailed below are the Chapter's accomplishments for the 2010 year based on the objectives highlighted above and the detailed strategic plan that was established. Specifically, the report captures all accomplishments of the Chapter from 1 January 2010 - 15 December 2010.

Please note that all efforts have been made to reflect in this report the efforts expended by all Chapter members for the benefit of the University in the Chapter's second term. The Chapter offers its most sincere apologies to any chapter member whose efforts the report fails to acknowledge. We request you to please send us details of your involvement with the University so that we may include it in future communication. The Chapter can be contacted at commerce-alumni@deakin.edu.au.

3.1 Networking Events

Deakin Commerce Alumni Social Networking Event #1

Date: 18th March 2010

Venue: Sotto e Sopra

The Deakin Commerce Alumni kicked off their 2010 Networking Event in style at Sotto e Sopra, one of Melbourne CBD's newest addition stylish venues. The venue hosts some of Melbourne's famous events and is also heavily involved in the Spring Fashion week.

The event attracted 80 people which was a fantastic turnout and was a great opportunity for alumni members and also some penultimate and final year undergraduates to have some fruitful discussions and learn a little more about each other in the process. The alumni believe that these events are core to the success of the alumni and ongoing development and relationships.

We would like to thank Rudrani Engineer, Shiraz Engineer and Mark Hui for organising the event and no doubt look ahead to the next event.



Deakin Commerce Alumni Social Networking Event #2

Date: 24th June 2010

Venue: Bond Lounge Bar

Following on from a very successful opening event at Sotto e Sopra, the Deakin Commerce Alumni held their second networking event for 2010 at Bond Lounge Bar, which is known for being one of Melbourne's popular night spots and is located in the historic Bond St, in Melbourne's CBD.

The event was a success, with 70 people turning up to enjoy each others company and also discuss the latest business issues. With the second event coming to a close, we would like to thank Rowena Moore, Shiraz Engineer, Rudrani Engineer and Mark Hui for their efforts in organising the event.

Deakin Commerce Alumni Social Networking Event #3

Date: 24th June 2010

Venue: Word Warehouse Bar

After the successes of the prior event, the Deakin Commerce Alumni held their third networking event for 2010 at Word Warehouse Bar, a rustic warehouse bar.

The event was a success, with 80 people turning up to enjoy each others company. We would like to thank Rowena Moore, Shiraz Engineer, Rudrani Engineer and Mark Hui for their efforts in organising the event.

Deakin Commerce Alumni Social Networking Event #4

Date: 16th December 2010

Venue: Baroq House

Over 70 alumni attended the Chapter Networking event held on 16 December at Baroq House tucked away in one of Melbourne's laneways. It was great to have Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) Professor Tanya Castleman and Marketing Manager, Alex Kuo and from the university in attendance at the event.

Many in attendance expressed appreciation for the Chapter's activities over 2010 and expressed keenness to become more active in the alumni in 2011 and encourage fellow past-students to attend next year's events.

The Chapter Executive would like to thank Shiraz Engineer (Chapter Joint-Vice President for 2011) and Rowena Moore (Chapter Committee Member) for organising the event. The Chapter is also grateful for the coordination of RSVPs provided by Laura Griffith (Events and External Relations Coordinator).



3.2 Professional Development Events

Deakin Commerce Alumni Professional Development #1

Speaker: Scott Keck

Date: 4th August 2010

Venue: RACV Club

The Deakin Commerce Alumni has a core focus in not only allowing members to network and develop relationships, but also to listen to some great speakers discuss some of the up to date and relevant topics.

Mr Scott Keck, Executive Chairman, Charter Keck Cramer, which is a strategic property consulting firm located in Richmond, Victoria - spoke to a large cohort about his outlook for the property market currently and also looking into the future.

Scott has over 40 years experience within the Australian property markets, with a strong emphasis in Victoria. He is frequently engaged as a senior negotiator in complex commercial and statutory issues related to the property markets and for advice on large portfolio valuations for major public and private companies. He is highly regarded and regular contributor to the national press and business magazines, including BRW, in the last four years Scott has published over 400 articles on topics related to the property market.

Scott's presentation 'Prosper or Bubble?' addressed issues, and provided insights, into the current state of the Victorian property market which is experiencing increasing prices. Alarm bells are ringing about affordability and a potential 'property bubble' resulting from the strong demand for dwellings in Melbourne.

This event was fantastic for all those who attended, who were privileged to listen to someone so knowledgeable in the property market and Mr Keck is also a very inspirational public speaker. His key points of discussion were centred around property risk profiles, types of real estate and their relevant risks, Melbourne's population growth and opportunities and also commercial projections from a residential/commercial and industrial viewpoint.

Mr Keck then provided his all important analysis of where he thought the best places and ways to invest currently were. The audience was madly writing as Mr Keck provided us with his pearls of wisdom and it is fair to say that the whole audience thought it was a fantastic speech and great event. Mr Keck finished with a very strong statement - that Victoria is the best place to invest in property currently and moving forward.

We would like to thank Mr Keck for this time and opportunity to listen to such a compelling discussion. We also would like to thank Krishna Pillai, Andrew Pfumojena and Michael Levy for organising the event. It is a priority of the alumni to provide students with the opportunity to listen to discussions such as these and develop their skills and knowledge base.



The Chapter also acknowledges the administrative support provided by staff from the Faculty of Business and Law.

The event was also well attended by key University staff: Professor Gael McDonald, Dean, Faculty Business and Law, Professor Tanya Castleman (Associate Dean, Development), Professor Richard Reed (Professor of Property and Real Estate) and Barbara Yee, Faculty General Manager.

Deakin Commerce Alumni Professional Development #2

Speakers: Fiona Campbell and Julie Hood

Date: 1st December 2010

Venue: Ernst & Young

The Deakin Commerce Alumni seeks to provide an educational element to the Alumni. Drawing on the pool of fantastic former Alumni, the Commerce Chapter was fortunate enough to have Ernst & Young host an insightful seminar focusing on leadership and climbing the corporate ladder.

With a large percentage of Alumni attendees at the event early in their professional career the event was extremely successful and well attended by 40 Alumni members.

Attendees heard how EY Partners Fiona Campbell and Julie Hood climbed the corporate ladder at EY and their continued involvement with Deakin.

The Chapter hopes to continue the relationship with Ernst & Young for future events in 2011.

The Chapter would like to thank Krishna Pillai, Andrew Pfumojena and Michael Levy for organising the event.



3.3 University Profile Enhancement

Deakin India Newsletter

Mukund Narayanamurti was invited by Deakin's India Office in April 2010 to share his reflections on Deakin, as a graduate of the university. A synopsis of the document produced by Mukund was profiled in Deakin India's newsletter in April 2010.

Dean's Merit list event 2010

Mukund Narayanamurti was invited by the Dean of the Faculty of Business & Law, Professor Gael McDonald, to be the keynote speaker at the annual Dean's Merit List event on Tuesday 4 May 2010. The event celebrated the achievements of the Faculty's most outstanding students who were presented with Dean's merit list honours. Chapter Vice President Mark Hui also attended the event as a guest of Mukund's.

Approximately 150 guests attended the Dean's Merit List evening, which was presided over by the Dean of the Faculty of Business and Law, Professor Gael McDonald. The Deakin University Executive was represented by Professor Philip Clarke (Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic)); Mr Graeme Dennehy (Chief Operating officer) and Mr Jules Cauberg, Director, Finance and Compliance DeakinPrime.

AACSB Conference Singapore

The Dean of the Faculty of Business & Law Professor Gael McDonald invited Mukund Narayanamurti to attend the AACSB's accreditation conference in Singapore on 24 – 25 May to support the Faculty's application to AACSB for accreditation. The AACSB is the world's pre-eminent business school accreditation.

The Faculty was especially keen to obtain an alumni perspective on the application process, the accreditation requirements and best practice alumni engagement models adopted by universities around the world, which if adopted by Deakin may strengthen its overall application. The attendance at the conference was in addition to Chapter President Michael Levy and Chapter Vice President Mark Hui (together with Mukund) providing advice to the Dean on Deakin's pre-accreditation application.

Since attending the conference, Mukund has applied several of the best practice alumni engagement models showcased at the conference as part of course evaluation engagements with Deakin. In particular, through how alumni mentoring models can be applied through an "Industry Fellows" type model to deliver a real world perspective to Deakin courses.



Singapore Alumni Function

Mukund Narayanamurti supported the Faculty with a networking event in Singapore for Singapore based alumni of Deakin. The event, held on Sunday 23 May 2010 at the Hilton Singapore, was presided over by the Dean of the Faculty of the Business & Law, Professor Gael McDonald. Approximately 30 alumni attended the event.

In addition to attending the event, Mukund is currently working with the Faculty and the Singaporean alumni community to re-invigorate the Singapore alumni chapter which has been dormant for the last few years after having been formed in 2000 and enjoying a few exceptionally active years.

Supporting the Deakin Commerce Society

Similar to previous years, the Chapter provided excellent support to the Deakin Commerce Society with some its major events.

Major initiatives organised by the Deakin Commerce Society during the year which the Chapter supported included:

- Vanessa Seconnino providing one of the keynote addresses at the 2010 Women in Business event;
- Mark Hui providing one of the keynote addresses at a “Careers in the finance industry” event organised to help Deakin students develop skills and behaviours essential to transitioning to the finance industry
- James Osenaris providing a keynote address at a School of Management & Marketing roundtable discussion on opportunities in the fields of Marketing and Management post graduation

Professional’s Week

Similar to the 2008 and 2009 years, the Chapter provided excellent support to the Faculty’s Professional’s week initiative, which is focussed on assisting students prepare for the transition from university to industry upon graduation. Professional’s week included several workshops, seminars, lectures and networking events.

The major efforts expended by Chapter members to support Professional’s week in 2010 included:

- Mark Hui’s address to a second year economics class on "Competition and Industry";
- Krishna Pillai’s address to a Masters level finance class focussed on "International Finance";
- John Persico’s address to a third year economics class on "Economic Strategy for Business";
- Michael Clarke’s address to a third year finance class on "Applied Investment Analysis";



- Andrew Pfumojena's address to a second year finance class on "Financial Planning"; and
- Mukund Narayanamurti's address to a third year finance class on "Foreign Direct Investment and Cross Border M&A"

The Chapter is grateful to its members for according Professional's Week excellent support.

Careers Week

Chapter members Shiraz Engineer, Rani Engineer and Mukund Narayanamurti were invited by the Office of Careers and Employment in August 2010 to share their perspectives on transitioning from university to the workforce in Australia at a workshop organised for international students. Shiraz and Rani are both post graduates from Deakin while Mukund is an honours graduate from Deakin. Collectively the three of them were able to share a range of perspectives on skills development which the international student cohort found useful. The feedback from the Office of Careers and Employment on student feedback to the event has been very positive.

Major Course Review

Mukund Narayanamurti was invited in October 2010 by the Faculty of Business & Law to provide comments and feedback on the Master of Professional Accounting program and its various associated diplomas and degrees. The purpose of the review was to assess the continuing relevance of the program, including its objectives, structure and delivery. Mukund was invited to provide the perspective of a qualified professional accountant and accordingly, whether the program met the needs of the accounting industry especially from a student employability perspective. Mukund has provided the Faculty with a comprehensive summary of how the program may be improved including the adoption of an "Industry Fellows" program, sourced from the alumni, to complement the program teaching staff.

Soft Skills Development Initiative

Mukund Narayanamurti was invited (in November 2010) by the Office of Careers and Employment, to assist with the development of a video, on core skills and behaviours essential to undergraduate and post graduate students making a transition to the workforce. The initiative involved a 2 hour video interview of Mukund showcasing his responses to several behavioural questions. The video was intended to support the students participating on the India Study tour in November 2010 and also various other courses of Deakin that have a component on soft skills development.



India Alumni Function

Mukund Narayanamurti supported the Faculty by providing the keynote address at a networking event in New Delhi, India for Indian based alumni of Deakin. The event, held on Sunday 28 November at the Imperial Hotel Delhi, was presided over by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Jane den Hollander. In addition to attending the event, Mukund is working with Deakin's India Office to help establish an Indian alumni chapter.

Approximately 50 guests attended the event including approximately 35 alumni and representatives of the various educational agencies that Deakin works closely with in India. The Deputy Vice Chancellor (International and Development) Ms Robin Buckham was also in attendance. The event was organised by Deakin's India office.

Supporting the Business Community Leadership Program

Chapter and faculty member Michael D'Rosario leads a program known as the Business Community Leadership Program (BCLP) which is an initiative of Nexus Foundation, a not-for-profit vehicle focused on social entrepreneurship. The BCLP largely caters to the Deakin student community and is supported by the Faculty of Business & Law.

The BCLP program aims to introduce participants to new and innovative ideas in the areas of business and community development in the context of leadership. By way of background, in order to successfully complete the BCLP program, a "knowledge leadership" segment must be completed together with a "Masterclass segment" and a "community collaboration" segment. Each is relevant to the overall program focus, and relates to one of the thematic focuses of the program. Some sessions emphasize personal development while others relate to civic duties, and community development. They all enhance the participants' capacity to complete their designated community collaboration. The Community collaboration component of BCLP requires participants to complete a 'real change project', or frame a proof of concept for a change initiative. Historical projects undertaken include:

- Refugee Education and support for young refugee and migrant students
- A feasibility study into the provision of on-site water filling systems
- The provision of books to charitable partners
- The development of innovation cultural acumen training packages
- The promotion of independent film and cinema
- Research into community perceptions of acquired brain disorders
- The provision of assistance in identifying viable social housing development opportunities
- The procurement of prescription eyewear for donation to charitable entities abroad



This year over 20 Deakin students were accepted into the BCLP program. The Chapter offered excellent support to the BCLP program, as three “knowledge leadership” sessions were lead by Chapter members. These included:

- Krishna Pillai’s presentation in August 2010 to the BCLP 2010 cohort on strategies for securing gainful employment as an international student
- John Persico’s role as reviewer (at the final BCLP session for 2010) of candidate projects and the provision of feedback to each of the candidate teams
- Mukund Narayanamurti’s presentation in September 2010 to the BCLP 2010 program cohort on Australia's engagement with Asia



4 Supporting the Chapter's activities

4.1 Financial Support

The Chapter is sustained through financial support provided by the Faculty of Business & Law and support received from corporate sponsors who provide access to their facilities and catering for Chapter events free of cost.

The Chapter typically funds its networking events from funds received from the Faculty of Business & Law, while professional development seminars have to date largely been supported by corporate sponsors. Corporate sponsors have also provided their facilities and catering (free of cost) for steering committee meetings, University profile enhancement events and Annual General Meetings.

The corporate supporters of the Chapter for the 2010 year were Madgwicks Lawyers and Ernst & Young. The Chapter is immensely grateful for the support provided by these two organisations, without which the Chapter would have been unable to organise as broad an array of events at venues as central, high profile and hospitable.

4.2 Administrative Support

The Chapter receives administrative support from the Faculty of Business & Law.

- Barbara Yee (General Manager Business and Law)
- Alastair Lee (Central Alumni Officer)
- Connie Cook (IT Support)
- Megan Smith (Marketing Manager)
- Brad Hanson (former Marketing Manager)

The Chapter thanks all these individuals for enabling the Chapter to operate in 2010 and organise events.



5 The Road Ahead – Ensuring the long term sustainability of the Chapter

Succession Planning:

- Continue to nurture our steering committee members to play a key role in the development of the chapter and ultimately lead the chapter to further success.

Continue support from the Faculty of Business and Law:

- The Faculty provides financial support for Chapter activities
- Maintain relationship with the key stakeholders from the Faculty and Deakin Marketing

Continue support from Corporate sponsorship:

- The Chapter has to date received terrific support from corporate supporters such as KPMG, Madgwicks Lawyers and Ernst & Young
- Corporate support typically takes the form of access to corporate venues and catering (i.e. free of charge for professional development events)

Continue to deliver tangible benefits to Alumni:

- Networking opportunities
- Personal and Professional Development
- Sense of community (peer support and assistance)
- Mentoring / careers counselling and advice

Continue to deliver benefits to the University:

- Brand ambassadors
- Resource pool (advisor to the Faculty)
- Mentoring
- Bequests/donations
- Stronger links to the private sector
- Research opportunities
- Postgraduate study (lifelong learning and loyalty)



Appendix – Bios of Chapter Executive, Steering Committee and Advisors



Michael Levy (Chapter President)

Michael is a Senior Associate at Madgwicks, a Melbourne based mid-sized commercial law firm, specializing in general corporate and commercial advice, M&A, Corporations Act, Trade Practices Act and ASX compliance.

Michael graduated from Deakin in 2003 with honours degrees to support both his Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Law degrees.

Prior to becoming Chapter President in 2010, Michael served as Joint Vice President of the Chapter in 2009 and on the Chapter's steering committee in 2007/2008.



Mark Hui (Chapter Vice President)

Mark is a Senior Consultant with the LiTMUS Group, a management consulting firm which undertakes strategic consulting projects with large and mid-sized corporate groups. Prior to LiTMUS, Mark worked as a Business and IT Director for a leading Australian coffee company.

Mark graduated from Deakin in 2004 with a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours in Economics) degree.

Prior to becoming Vice President in 2009, Mark served as Joint Vice President in 2009 and on the Chapter's steering committee in 2007/2008.



James Osenaris (Chapter Steering Committee member)

Currently James works as a National Account Manager for HJ Heinz Australia, which is a US Global Food Manufacturer. Prior to Heinz, James spent 3 years at L'Oreal Australia, which is a global cosmetics company and worked in a number of sales/marketing roles.

At Deakin, James studied a Bachelor of Commerce (majoring in Marketing/Finance) and was also President of the Deakin Commerce Society in 2005, and in his time was able to increase membership and also internal/external profile for the society.

James has served on the steering committee of the Chapter since 2007/2008.



Krishna Pillai (Chapter Steering Committee member)

Krishna works as an Analyst in Pacific Hydro's Corporate Finance Team. Krishna joined Pacific Hydro in late 2009 after spending almost 2.5 years with Transurban in various teams including legal, tax and corporate finance.

Krishna holds a Bachelor of Engineering (Civil Engineering) from Bangalore University in India. Krishna also holds a Master of Commerce degree from Deakin.

Krishna has served on the steering committee of the Chapter since 2007/2008.



Shiraz Engineer (Chapter Steering Committee member)

Shiraz has been an exceptionally active member of the Deakin alumni community since graduation supporting various University support and profile enhancement events in particular. Amongst various initiatives, Shiraz has served as a panel member at Deakin Business School graduate information sessions and Faculty of Business & Law Careers Week events, assisting students make an effective transition from student life to the workforce.

Over the last 12 months, Shiraz has also been actively involved with the organization of the Chapter's networking events and has been central to the organization of all 3 of the Chapter's networking events in 2010, each of which have enjoyed excellent attendance levels and have grown the Chapter's member base.



Rowena Moore (Chapter Steering Committee Member)

Rowena is a Project Officer at the Department of Justice Melbourne undertaking change management projects for the state and federal government. Rowena joined the Department of Justice in 2007 as a Senior Recruitment Adviser.

Rowena graduated from Deakin University in 2002 with a Bachelor of Commerce (majoring in Human Resources and Marketing) and a Diploma in Languages (German). Currently Rowena is undertaking a Graduate Diploma in Human Resources through the Australian Human Resources Institute in affiliation with Deakin University.



Rudrani Engineer (Chapter Steering Committee member)

Rani is currently working as a Business Analyst & Development Officer with Austin Health, a major provider of tertiary health services, health professional education and research in the northeast of Melbourne. Rani graduated from Deakin University in 2008 with a Master of Business Administration and a Master of Commerce (specialisation in e-Business).

Whilst at University, Rani was actively involved with the Deakin Business School Society (now known as the Deakin Graduate Business Society) and was elected Marketing & Public Relations Head. Rani was involved in the development and pilot of the Postgraduate Student Mentor Program and also volunteered as a mentor for a year and a half. She was also invited to represent the Postgraduate cohort on the Deakin Business

School Faculty Board. Upon graduation, Rani has been a recipient of membership to the Golden Key International Honour Society in recognition of 'Outstanding Scholastic Achievement and Excellence'.

In 2010, Rani jointly organised 3 networking events for the Deakin Commerce Alumni. She was also invited by the Office of Careers & Employment in August 2010 at the 'International Student Career Event' to provide an insight into transitioning from University to the Australian workforce organised for international students. Rani was also asked to present at a 'Careers after Deakin' event organised by the Deakin Graduate Business Society in May 2010 and also at the Careers Week by the Office of Careers & Employment.

Currently, Rani is serving as a member of the Deakin Commerce Alumni Steering Committee.



Michael Clarke (Advisor to the Executive & Steering Committee)

Michael works for SG Hiscock & Co, a boutique funds management group, where he is the Portfolio Manager for a market-neutral hedge fund. Prior to SG Hiscock & Co, Michael worked in the Institutional Banking group of ANZ as Associate Director.

Michael graduated from Deakin with a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours in Finance) degree in 2003, as a John Scouller awardee. He has also completed the Chartered Financial Analyst program.

Prior to becoming President in 2009, Michael served on the Chapter's steering committee in 2007/2008.



Mukund Narayanamurti (Advisor to the Executive & Steering Committee)

Mukund is a Director with KPMG Australia specialising in market entry advisory services focussed on corporate investment activity between Australia and Asia with a particular emphasis on India, Korea and ASEAN.

Mukund graduated from Deakin with a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours in Finance) degree in 2002, as a John Scouller awardee. He is a qualified Chartered Accountant and has also completed a Masters in International Tax at the University of Melbourne Law School and an Executive Education Program in Tax Policy at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

Mukund founded the Deakin Commerce Alumni Chapter and served as the Chapter's Inaugural President in 2007/2008. Mukund has served as an advisor to the Executive and Steering Committee in 2009 and 2010.