



THE BUSINESS COUNCIL BUZZ

The Official Newsletter of the Business Council of the
Leon Hess Business School

The Business Council held their first in-person official meeting on Friday, November 5, 2021 at Deal Golf & Country Club. Our attendance numbered approximately 30 members and guests. There was a zoom link available for those members who could not join us in person.

John DiNapoli, Chair, Business Council facilitated the meeting introducing Dean Raj Devasagayam, Sharon Hartmann, Assistant to the Dean and Deb Clay newest member to the Council Steering Committee along with other member and guest introductions.



Dean Raj Devasagayam gave an update on his vision for the Leon Hess Business School, which included the three fundamental pillars of importance in the Monmouth University Strategic Plan: **Access. Excellence. Ambition.** Raj requested the Advisory Council to expect the LHBS to seek their input and expertise in

our strategic planning process that is being led by LHBS Faculty.

This was followed by Christine Kelly, MBA graduate student demonstrating a software called *MIRO*. Miro is an on-line collaborative whiteboard software tool that enables distributed teams to work effectively together from brainstorming with digital sticky notes to planning and managing workflows. This tool will be used in LHBS Strategic Planning Kickoff Retreat scheduled in December.

Miro might also be useful for the Council and particularly the Steering Committee as we revisit and update our committees.



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History of New Jersey



Dr. Richard Veit, Professor of Anthropology and Interim Dean of the Wayne D. Murray School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Monmouth University was our guest speaker.

Dr. Veit is a member of the New Jersey Historical Commission and the

author of eight books on topics relating to local history and archaeology. Dr. Veit is always entertaining and wealth of information. This was no exception. His presentation was entitled "Small Wonder; Snippets of New Jersey History."



On another note, we have some fantastic news. Assistant Dean Janeth Merkle had successfully defended her dissertation proposal for her study on the adoption of Human Resource Analytics as part of her doctoral matriculation at Temple University.

Dean Raj Devasagayam surprised Janeth with a little gathering in the Dean's Conference Room with a cake and assorted cookies. Many thanks to Sharon Hartmann for putting this together.

Congratulations Janeth, we are looking forward to great things from you in the future!

In summary, the Council is looking for a productive year on the part of our membership in service to the Dean, the Leon Hess Business School and the students.



Business Council Meeting Agenda

Deal Country Club, November 5, 2021 8:30am

Welcome – John DiNapoli

Introduce Raj Devasagayam, New Dean
Introduce Sharon Hartmann, new Administrative
Assistant
Introduce Deb Clay, new Steering Committee
Member

Financial Update – Tom Cardinale

Membership – Richard Ricciardi

Business School Dean's Update - Dean Raj Devasagayam

Christine Kelly- Miro Demonstration

Guest Speaker – Dr. Richard Veit
Professor, History & Anthropology
School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Upcoming Events:

November 5, 2021	Business Council Meeting
February 4, 2022	Steering Committee
February 25, 2022	Business Council Meeting
April 8, 2021	Steering Committee
May 5, 2022	Business Council Meeting
June, 2022	Spring Social