Strategic Leadership Newsletter

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Strategic Leadership Newsletter reports information relevant to the Philadelphia University Doctoral Program in Strategic Leadership and its community including personal and professional events and accomplishments, new practices, research and opportunities, and suggestions. You are encouraged to forward the Newsletter to friends and colleagues to expand awareness and to brand yourself as a community member. You are also invited to recommend people or organizations to be added to the mailing list. Contact Strategic Leadership Newsletter by emailing strategicleadership@philau.edu or the Editor by emailing starrl@philau.edu.

Middle States Commission on Higher Education

Philadelphia University is pleased to announce that on September 1, 2015 the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) approved for accreditation without exception the Doctorate in Strategic Management degree program:

At its session on August 31, 2015, the Executive Committee for Substantive Change of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education acted: To acknowledge receipt of and to include the Doctorate of Management (D.Mgt) in Strategic Leadership degree within the scope of the institution's accreditation.

MSCHE is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education to conduct accreditation and pre-accreditation (Candidacy status) activities for institutions of higher education in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, including distance education and correspondence education programs offered at those institutions. The Commission is also recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) to accredit degree-granting institutions which offer one or more post-secondary educational programs of at least one academic year in length in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and other geographical areas in which the Commission conducts accrediting activities.

Source: http://www.msche.org/?Nav1=About&Nav2=FAQ&Nav3=Question04

Those who have submitted application materials are now being contacted for a personal interview which is the final step in the evaluation and decision process for admission to the
upcoming spring 2016 or future semesters. Congratulations to the University, Doctoral Degree Program, and those who will begin their studies in January 2016!

**Strategic Leadership Doctorate Information Session**

An *Information Session* about the Doctorate in Strategic Leadership will be held at Philadelphia University on **Tuesday October 6, 2015 in the Field DEC Center Room 219 from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm**. At the session, all interested persons, prospective applicants, and those who have submitted some or all their application documents will have the opportunity to learn more about the program and to have all questions answered by Dr. Larry M. Starr, program director. To ensure enough space and refreshments, pre-registration is recommended either by emailing strategicleadership@philau.edu or by calling: (215)-951-5332.

**Strategic Leadership Doctorate and Strategic Design MBA Collaboration**

To support the academic, professional and social interests of the students and faculty who are part of the PhilaU professional graduate community, two courses for the Doctorate in Strategic Leadership (DSL) will meet at the same times and building as the *Strategic Design MBA* (SD MBA) program. Here is a link for SD MBA [http://www.philau.edu/StrategicDesignMBA/index.html](http://www.philau.edu/StrategicDesignMBA/index.html) and their Director, Dr. Natalie Nixon: [http://www.philau.edu/StrategicDesignMBA/meet_the_director.html](http://www.philau.edu/StrategicDesignMBA/meet_the_director.html). This logistic collaboration enables MBA and DSL students and faculty to share space for meals, programming, guest lectures, networking, and projects.

Here is the proposed schedule which follows DSL *New Student Orientation on January 15 and 16*.

Courses:

- January 22, 23
- February 5, 6, 19, 20
- March 4, 5, 18, 19
- April 1, 2, 15, 16

**Strategic Leadership Faculty Updates**

Larry M. Starr, PhD is pleased to report that on September 7, 2015 he was made a member of the *New York Academy of Sciences*.

The *Academy* is the world’s nexus of scientific innovation in the service of humanity. One of the oldest scientific organizations in the United States, the *Academy* has become not only a notable and enduring cultural institution in New York City, but also one of the most significant organizations in the international scientific community. *Academy* members have included
leaders in science, business, academia, and government, including U.S. Presidents Jefferson and Monroe, Thomas Edison, Louis Pasteur, Charles Darwin, Margaret Mead, and Albert Einstein. Today, the Academy President’s Council includes 27 Nobel Laureates as well as CEOs, philanthropists, and leaders of national science funding agencies.

Source: http://www.nyas.org/AboutUs/Mission.aspx

Dr. Starr has also been invited to present a summary of his research at the Emergency Cardiac Care Update (ECCU) Conference in San Diego, CA in December 2015. At ECCU, the five-year update of the international guidelines for teaching and performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation, use of automated external defibrillators, and application of advanced care lifesaving will be presented. The paper, co-authored with Dr. Allan Braslow and Dr. John Pourdehnad, is entitled, “Systems and Design Thinking Applied to Out-of-Hospital CPR and AED Performance.” Information about this research is summarized on the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Survival website hosted by the Philadelphia University MS degree program in Disaster Medicine and Management: (https://wordpress.philau.edu/suddencardiaccarrestsurvival/).

DSL faculty members are presented here: http://www.philau.edu/strategicleadership/faculty.html. Additional people will appear shortly.