



Executive MBA Council Elects New Members to its Board of Trustees

ORANGE, CALIF., Nov. 2, 2011 – Members of the Executive MBA Council elected five new representatives to its Board of Trustees:

- Lina Bell, executive director, MBA for Executives at Rice University
- Kristin S. Polito, director of the Executive MBA and associate director of the Institute for Executive Education at Suffolk University's Sawyer Business School
- Nicole Tee, director of Executive MBA Programs at INSEAD
- Saskia Treurniet, director, Global Executive OneMBA Program at the Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University
- Peter Withers, director of academic programs at the University of Auckland Business School

Lina Bell has more than 20 years of experience in higher education. Her involvement with Executive MBA Programs began in 1999 when she became director of admissions, Weekend Executive Program, at Duke University's Fuqua School of Business. In 2003, she joined Rice University. Bell is also an active member of the Houston chapter of the National Black MBA Association and Leadership Houston. She received her M.A. and M.Ed. degrees from Columbia University in New York.

In addition to her leadership in executive education, **Kristin Polito** is also an adjunct professor at Suffolk University and teaches courses in venture capital, business organization, and business foundation. She has 27 years of experience in financial services, venture capital, and higher education. In addition to her current responsibilities, Polito has written thought leadership articles for various publications, including *Human Resources Management Magazine*. She received her MBA from the Sawyer Business School.

Nicole Tee is responsible for the Global Executive MBA Programs at INSEAD, which take place on three campuses in France, Singapore, and United Arab Emirates, as well as the joint Executive MBA Program with China's Tsinghua University. She also is a member of the school's senior management team. Tee previously gained broad marketing experience in several international advertising agencies and at the Asian headquarters of Standard Chartered Bank. She received her MBA from INSEAD.

Saskia Treurniet started her career in education at the Rotterdam School of Management (RSM) in 2003 and is responsible for the administrative quality and daily operations of the Global Executive OneMBA Program's European cohort. She is a member of the global OneMBA Executive Committee. She also serves as the director of MBA degree programs at RSM and collaborates with peers from various departments campus-wide and internationally.

Peter Withers has 30 years of international experience in diplomacy, business consulting, and executive education throughout the world, including North America, Latin America, China, Southeast Asia, Eastern Europe, Greece, Turkey, and New Zealand. He previously taught executives at UCLA and other schools and served as assistant dean at the Pepperdine University Graziadio Graduate School of Business and Management. He joined the University of Auckland Business School in 2007.

About the Executive MBA Council

The Executive MBA Council provides a place for programs to share best practices and gathers industry data. Currently the council includes more than 200 educational institutions that administer 300 plus Executive MBA Programs worldwide. For additional information, visit www.embac.org. To learn more about the Executive MBA experience, visit www.executivemba.org.

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