MBT Alumni Advisory Committee Charter

Who are the Members of the Committee?
MBT Alumni Advisory Committee (MAAC) members are graduates or current students of the MBT Program who, working together with the MBT Academic Director, are committed to the professional development and networking of all MBT students and alumni.

This diverse professional network lends its energy, experience and influence to build links between the University, Faculty of Commerce and Economics (FCE) and the MBT Program with the our key stakeholders. The MAAC provides an external perspective on the MBT Program activities and future plans and serves as a source of independent advice to the Academic Director with regard to MBT strategy and external relations.

Committee members believe that MBT Program success and leadership position depends on "stewardship", in all its dimensions, and on its ability to:
- Contribute to the bodies of knowledge that comprise the disciplines of business, technology and management.
- Leverage our understanding of these bodies of knowledge so as to have an impact on the practice of management and the professions
- Accept responsibility for developing the next generation of management and business scholars and leaders.

The Committee's Mission
Committee Members seek to both facilitate and enable the achievement of the MAAC's mission and objectives by leveraging their professional networks, their profile and reputation and their energy, experience and influence to:
- Serve as a source of independent advice to the Academic Director with regard to the MBT Program strategy and external relations
- Increase the MBT engagement with the business community (and vice versa)
- Increase the relevance of the MBT curriculum.
- Build links between the MBT and its other stakeholders
- Raise the profile of, and build, the MBT 'brand'.
- Build an endowment base that supports the delivery of MBT’s mission

Mode of operation
The MAAC achieves its objectives by convening as a collective body at least 6 times per year and by breaking into such ad hoc committees and working parties as may be required from time to time.

MAAC members commit to a program of active engagement with the MBT Program and this requirement would typically include one or more of the following activities:
- Direct engagement with the MBT student body (either in the classroom or in other forum)
- Serving on MAAC reference or advisory groups
- Serving on a task force or working party to examine a specific issue
- Developing and hosting events such as social and networking events
- Participating in fundraising and sponsorship activities
Membership
There are 12 Committee Members: the Chair, Deputy Chair and up to 10 Committee Members. The Chair and Deputy Chair are appointed from the Committee membership.

The Chair oversees the organisation and affairs of the MAAC, is an ex officio member of all committees with full voting privileges and is responsible for keeping the MAAC informed on all matters. The Chair recommends to the committee ways to increase the MAAC’s usefulness to the MBT Program.

The Deputy Chair undertakes assignments selected by the Chair as needed, attends all MAAC meetings and assists the Chair.

Criteria
- Membership is determined by Committee Members in consultation with the MBT Office.
- Although Committee members may be MBT alumni, this is not a prerequisite for nomination.
- Membership should reflect the diversity of MBT stakeholders and graduate employer groups.
- Nominations will be considered by the Committee at the first MAAC meeting of each calendar year.
- Committee vacancies may be filled on a casual basis if required.

Length of term
The MAAC has a maximum of 12 Committee Members, each serving for 3-year terms, coordinated so that one third of the Committee is reappointed or leaves each year. This permits continuity with two-thirds of the Committee being experienced, enabling new members to meld gradually into the process.

After 2 years, Committee Members will be automatically reconsidered for another membership term. This consideration is based on continued leadership and involvement.
Committee Members may serve a maximum of 2 three-year terms.