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William Silver
Dean
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Dear Dr. Silver,

I was granted a sabbatical leave for the Fall 2014 semester and this is a report on my activities during my sabbatical leave. According to University Policy 2007-1, faculty members are required to submit a report at the end of their sabbatical leave summarizing the process of their sabbatical project and this report is to be sent electronically to Faculty Affairs and your Dean.

1. Research

(1) Corruption and Economic Growth: A South Korean Study

This is a co-work paper with Professor Gieyoung Lim at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Seoul, Korea. Using South Korean data on corruption related crimes, we studied how public corruption affects economic behaviors of Korean people and impacts economic growth of that country. This paper had been submitted to Journal of Reviews on Global Economics and was accepted on January 26, 2015.

(2) Immigration and International Trade: Evidence from South Korean Experience

This is a co-work paper with Professor Gieyoung Lim at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Seoul, Korea. This paper investigates how new immigrants from other Asian countries to South Korea affect trade patterns between their home countries and South Korea. This paper has been submitted to The Journal of International Trade and Economic Development and currently under review process.

2. Teaching

(1) ECON 404: Seminar in Macroeconomics Theory

I have taught ECON 204, Introduction to Macroeconomics, and ECON 304, Intermediate Macroeconomics, several times for the last 7 years here at Sonoma State University and I have always felt that there is more topics I want to introduce in my macroeconomics class. During my sabbatical leave, therefore, I wrote a set of lecture notes for the ECON 404, Seminar in Macroeconomics Theory, and I am teaching this class during current Spring 2015 semester for the first time here at Sonoma State University.
(2) BUS 546E: Global Business Operations

When I taught this class in Summer 2013 and Summer 2014, I found that there are differences between MBA students and EMBA students. Since my lectures were designed to target MBA students, I found that some EMBA students had problems to follow my class. During my sabbatical leave, to solve this problem, I re-organized my class and updated my lecture notes. Currently I am teaching this newly re-organized class for Wine EMBA students in Napa.

3. Other Activities

(1) International Travel: South Korea

I have visited my co-author, Professor Gieyoung Lim, Seoul, South Korea for 2 weeks. During the visit, we finalized our two research papers and we discussed our papers with other faculty members of Hankuk University of Foreign Studies.

(2) International Travel: Spain and Hungary

I have visited Spain and Hungary with my EMBA students for 2 weeks. We visited 10 different businesses and discussed on globalization with local business people.

Please feel free to ask me if you have any questions on my activities during my sabbatical leave.

Sincerely,

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