

MVCC Business Advisory Board Meeting  
Thursday, October 12, 2023  
Table 67

In attendance: George Argires, Andrea Bailey, Angela Berls, Jim Bilder, Corbett Chico, Bernard Deir, Dan Dunne, Joe Flynn, Tabitha Garrett, Panos Hadjimitsos, Marie Harrell, Mark Klappauf, Nick Kotsogiannis, Nick Lazzara, Ryan McCollum, Lisa Mittler, Larry Odelson, Pamela Payne, Jim Snooks, Al Terrazas, Mike Wade

The group met at Table 67 on Moraine Valley's campus. Several of those in attendance are graduates of the college and/or community members. A few new members had not seen the restaurant and were very impressed. The meeting was held with the Culinary Arts faculty and their advisory board members. Two of the culinary classes cooked and worked the "front of the room" part of the dinner meeting. The night started with informal conversations as people roamed around the restaurant. It was a good opportunity to make connections with each other. This went on for approximately 30 minutes. We all then sat in the restaurant and took turns getting our dinner from a buffet line right across the hall in the kitchen. More informal conversation took place during dinner. After dinner, the business faculty and advisory board members formed large tables to have formal conversations. The following topics were covered:

- Artificial Intelligence – we discussed how it is being used and what we should be teaching out students about it.
- Networking – we discussed how networking has impacted our professional lives and the board offered tips to pass on to our students. The department is planning a networking event in the spring and the board members offered advice for the organization and structure of the evening. Several board members would like to be involved in the event, if it works with their schedule.
- Guest Speakers – the board offered advice on what type of speakers would be most beneficial for students. A couple of the members offered to speak to students at future events.
- Survey – we looked at the results of previous surveys that were filled out by board members. We discussed their impressions of the results and if they feel anything has changed.

The meeting lasted approximately two and a half hours. This was not long enough for a handful of members, though. The meeting continued for another hour at a local establishment 😊