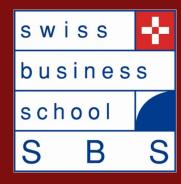
HOW TO MAKE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

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WE ARE IN TROUBLE



- The Chronicle (Sept, 7,2017)
 - 40% of undergraduate colleges report decreasing enrollments

The WSJE (Sept, 8,2017)

Skepticism grows over college degrees

Only Democrats, urban residents, middle and upper-class Americans still believe in College. The others don't.

BUT

the unemployment rate among college grads is 2.7%, compared to 5.1% among high school grads who never went to college.

The WSJE (Sept, 7,2017)

Do free online school courses have a payoff?

Blogs: No-Pay M.B.A.

SBS SWISS BUSINESS SCHOOL



- Located: Zurich, Switzerland
- 17 partners
- 5 continents: Latin America, Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia
- Offer BBA, MBA and DBA programs

WHAT DO WE DO WRONG



- DO WE TEACH SKILLS?
- DO WE HAVE A CAREER PLACEMENT OFFICE?
- DO WE HAVE A GAP BETWEEN ACADEMICS AND FIRST JOB?
- AREN'T WE ENTREPRENEURIAL, STUDENT-FOCUSED ENOUGH?
- AREN'T WE SELF-RELIANT ENOUGH?

 RESULT: THE MILLENNIALS ARE SMARTER, MORE DEMANDING AND MORE REQUESTING

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?



- GLOBALIZATION: DRIVER
- INTERNATIONALIZATION: RESPONSE
- COMMUNICATE INTERNAL: OVERCOME OBSTACLES
- SEARCH FOR OPPORTUNITIES:
 - WHERE?
 - HOW?

HOW TO DO IT?



- ADAPT YOUR STRATEGIC PLAN
- VARIOUS FORMS
 - LICENSING AGREEMENTS
 - DUAL DEGREES, NO CERTIFICATES
 - EXCHANGE OF FACULTY
 - RESEARCH
 - EXCHANGE VISITS FOR STUDENTS

- IMPORTANT: ALIGN BOARD, FACULTY
- THE DEAN IS THE DRIVER TOGETHER WITH YOUR PROFS

RECOMMENDATIONS



- THINK DIFFERENT
- CHOOSE YOUR KEY MARKETS
- KNOW THAT YOU PROBABLY NEED TO CHANGE THE CURRICULUM
- TALK TO ACBSP, STANDARDS
- QUALITY CONTROL

OVERALL CONCLUSION



- WITH CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS:
 - IT IS A SIMPLE QUESTION OF DIE OR ADAPT!
 - ORGANIZATIONAL AGILITY
 - CULTURAL SHOCK
 - OVERCOME OBSTACLES
 - THINK ENTREPRENEURIAL
 - IT HELPS TO DIFFERENTIATE

PERSONAL LESSONS LEARNED



- IF THINGS DON'T CLICK QUICKLY, THEY NEVER CLICK= DATING
- PERSEVERANCE
- CROSS-CULTURAL COMMUNICATION
- HAVE MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE FACULTY
- IT IS FUN

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