

School of Business facilitates faculty exchange

The School of Business recently established partnerships with five universities in Mexico and Europe. Each of the schools are small in size, focusing on teaching excellence. Most are located in small communities as well. These partnerships will facilitate student and faculty exchanges as well as other study abroad opportunities. Dean **Carl Templin** said, “Our first partnership was established a year ago (March 2004) with the University of Monterrey in Mexico.” Though located in a large city, the University itself is a small private school with a student focus similar to that at SUU. This Summer, the dean of the Business School, **Dr. Mario Alanís** came to SUU and taught a course in international business.

Dean Templin added, “In November we established a partnership with Schiller International University (London, Paris, Strasbourg, Heidelberg, Madrid, Engelberg & Leysin, Switzerland) to facilitate study abroad programs, and **Dr. Alla Paroiatnikova** took our first group of business students to Europe in May.”

Last Fall, Dean Templin and Department Chair **Alan Hamlin** visited the Groupe Ecole Supérieure de Commerce et de Management in Tours and Poitiers, France, and the School of Applied Sciences Solothurn Northwestern, Olten Switzerland. Its Director of International Relations, **Jurg Schneider**, visited SUU March 24, 2005 to speak at SUU’s convocation. Both



Dr. Mario Alanís teaching a business class at SUU.

schools are located in picturesque settings in France and Switzerland. Formal partnership agreements are now in place to facilitate future exchanges.

“The International Business class was a great lesson in cultural diversity and international etiquette, and was even more profound since the professor was from another country! I will remember our world trade discussions for a long time and enjoyed the class very much. Well, all except the goat’s milk candy from Mexico,” said student Pennie Copley.