



Peter Withers Elected Chair of EMBA Council Board

ORANGE, CALIF., Nov. 12, 2013 – Peter Withers, director of Academic Programs, Graduate School of Management, at the University of Auckland Business School, recently was elected chair of the Executive MBA (EMBA) Council Board of Trustees. Withers began his term as chair in November. He joined the board in October 2011 and in the last two years, has focused on advancing professional development activities for members.

At the University of Auckland, New Zealand, Withers led the restructuring of its EMBA Program, strengthening its professional development component and focusing on management complexity, as well as deepening collaborations with industry.

Withers' career includes international experience in diplomacy, business consulting, and executive education. He served as Second Secretary Commercial in Washington, D.C., and as Chargé d'Affaires and Counsellor Commercial in Athens, Greece, before establishing the New Zealand Embassy in Ankara, Turkey. For his next appointment as New Zealand's first regional trade director for North & South America, he moved to Los Angeles and later was invited to join the UCLA Anderson Graduate School of Management.

He has taught executives at UCLA, the Peter F. Drucker Graduate School of Management, and La Verne University, as well as at Tec de Monterrey in Mexico and programs in Singapore. He was assistant dean at the Pepperdine University Graziadio Graduate School of Business and Management in Los Angeles before joining the University of Auckland. He received his M.A. from the University of Canterbury and completed the Advanced Executive Leadership program at Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management.

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