Kelly Thomson, York University, gives us the lowdown on the Teaching Committee's activities.

The OMT Division has made teaching a top priority. As Division Chair, Jerry Davis noticed the trend that AOM job postings for OMT has been in significant decline at the and coincidentally so had the demand for teaching OT. The responses to the Teaching OMT survey demonstrate that OT has indeed lost its place in the core MBA curriculum.

At the AOM meeting in Philadelphia Jerry Davis presented the results of the Teaching OMT survey, and he and Phil Anderson described two “knock out” electives that frame OT content in ways that are big attractions MBA students (i.e. Social Networks and Entrepreneurship). The committee is thrilled to have a bunch of new people who have volunteered to help build the tools and support that will make it easy for OMT’ers to incorporate OT content into their teaching and to help OMT’ers become great teachers.

Instead of a stand alone PDW on Teaching, this coming year Ellen Auster, Jerry Davis and Kathryn Aten are incorporating an interactive session on teaching as part of the doctoral and junior faculty consortia. Some of our most eminent OMT’ers have volunteered to facilitate a discussion of either a great OT course that they teach or on specific skills for teaching.
In addition, David Touve, Chris Marquis, Michael Farrer, Greg Robbins, and Jerry Davis are developing a wiki using the course syllabi and exercises that OMT’ers submitted as part of the survey. Using the wiki OMT’ers will be able to find out how others are teaching OMT and add their own exercises and ideas for others to us. We are working to create an OMT on-line resource that will allow anyone teaching OMT to go to one place to get course and class ideas, exercises and tips for effective teaching.

Finally, the Executive Committee is considering adding a Distinguished Teaching Award for OMT. If you have feedback on this, please contact Jerry Davis.