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### **Business Street Smarts Summary**

Business Street Smarts focuses on assessing on communication of information, sources of information, assessing those sources of information, and supporting the opportunity to make well informed choices.

The session dealt with effective outbound communication, assessing inbound communication and reports, reviewing intellectual property and critical information, how and where fraud and corruption can occur, managing contracts and engagements and how to manage any comprehensive due diligence assessment.

Signature projects included:

Addressing and rewriting the disastrous memo by Oscar Munoz of United Airlines after security officers rendered a ticketed passenger unconscious while trying to remove the man so a crew could be repositioned.

Crafting an Intellectual Property (IP) and Critical Information (CI) assessment registry so a company could understand what bit of IP and Ci they had and who should have and not have access to the information. IP and CI represent over 80% of the book value of most companies and those are the most stolen and compromised assets. This section is of significance as so many young professionals will be entering companies who only significant assets are intangibles and they need to be accounted for and defended.

The final session dealt with Due Diligence and working real life scenarios that were from real life cases – not imagined case studies where the teams of students both presented on their two cases studies and assessed the other team’s analysis and dissection for their cases studies. The case studies bring to life the value of the tools taught.

All professors and students worked on the interdisciplinary project. The project was not easy, it was very hard. As a group all of the students dissected the electric vehicle industry. The purpose was to learn to work as part of a diverse group and at the same time learn about electric vehicles. From this knowledge gathered, they were to assess a single electric vehicle company. This is part of the process of applying unique research to an industry and applying that research and knowledge to an individual company.

## **The Communications Exercise is to rewrite the Oscar Munoz Memo**

Oscar Munoz Memo:



September 8, 2015

Dear fellow employees:

Today we are announcing a series of executive changes, which are effective immediately. I recognize that this news is unexpected, and I want you to hear it directly from me, as United's new CEO.

Jeff Smisek, Nene Foxhall, EVP of communications and government affairs, and Mark Anderson, SVP of corporate and government affairs, have stepped down from their roles. These departures are in connection with United's previously disclosed internal investigation related to the federal investigation associated with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

In addition, the company announced Henry L. Meyer III, a current United director and the lead independent director, has been named non-executive chairman of the board.

As we move forward, let me take a moment to tell you a little bit about myself. As you may know, I have been on the board of directors of United, and previously Continental, for more than a decade. I am also a longtime United customer. Before today, I was the president and COO of CSX, one of the largest railroads in North America. Prior to that, I worked for several well known consumer brands including AT&T, Pepsico, and The Coca-Cola Company.

I took this job because I am excited by what we can do together. There is incredible opportunity for innovation, for earnings growth, and for improving an experience that is essential to the vitality of global business and to the personal lives of millions of people. I will be relentless in pursuing these goals, and I hope and expect that all of you will share that same passion.

In the coming weeks, I will be making my first visits around the system. I want to

talk to as many of you as possible because I want to get to know you and what you think about how things are going. How can we operate better? How can we better serve our customers? What support do you need to deliver that? You'll be seeing me frequently; I intend to regularly travel the system to hear about our operations directly from you – and you can hold me accountable for that.

In my career, I've found that three things are critical to any successful business. First, we must focus on customers and what we can do help them. In the telecommunications, consumer products and railway businesses, there are very real consequences if you don't meet the consumer's needs and desires. There are also substantive rewards for doing so, and especially for exceeding customer expectations. Every day, you win or lose customers based on the slightest change in value and quality.

As you know, in the airline business, this is especially critical. Getting people where they want to go, reliably and happily, can make or break their ability to succeed in a work endeavor or to hug a family member at an important moment.

At United, I will dedicate myself to making our airline flyer-friendly. Continued...

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Second, in any organization, especially a great airline, it's all about teamwork. I like to refer to this as "shared purpose." We are in a service business, and the thousands of people who work here are the key ingredient determining our success. To get our passengers where they want to go safely and happily requires thousands of us working together with a shared purpose of supporting each other in serving our customers. To achieve this, we must create and sustain a respectful dialog about our common goals – an ongoing conversation among ourselves. We cannot do this apart.

Third, I am excited to be a part of a company and industry that demands innovation. The world around us is changing. There are new forms of loyalty programs and affinity groups, a constantly changing regulatory environment, plus new digital and networking technologies that are emerging on a daily basis. At United, we will embrace this change, and make this an energized and exciting place to work.

Above all, my career has taught me that safety is paramount. Our passion for the safety of our people and our customers must be at the core of everything we do.

As we bring this airline forward, I promise to hold true to these principles of

customer focus, teamwork through our shared purpose, continual innovation, and of course, safety.

I want our customers, my fellow workers, and our communities to respect each other and take pride in our accomplishments. Thank you for your dedication to our customers and to United, and I look forward to meeting you soon.



**Student's re-write:**

## Memo

To: The Team  
From: Oscar Muñoz  
Subject: Onboard Incident at the United Express Flight  
Date: April 17, 2021

Like you all, I was upset to see and hear what happened last night onboard United Express Flight 3411 headed from Chicago to Louisville. To give you a clear picture of what happened here is what transpired, this is a preliminary report filed by our employees.

### Summary of Flight 341

- On Sunday, April 9, after United Express Flight 3411 was fully boarded, United's gate agents were approached by crewmembers that were told they needed to board the flight.
- We sought volunteers and then followed our involuntary denial of boarding process (including offering up to \$1,000 in compensation) and when we approached one of these passengers to explain apologetically that he was being denied boarding, he raised his voice and refused to comply with crew member instructions.
- He was approached a few more times after that in order to gain his compliance to come off the aircraft, and each time he refused and became more and more disruptive and belligerent.
- Our agents were left with no choice but to call Chicago Aviation Security Officers to assist in removing the customer, from the flight. He repeatedly declined to leave.
- Chicago Aviation Security Officers were unable cooperation and physically removed him from the flight as he continued to resist —running the craft in defiance of both our crew and security officials.

Thank you all for your attention

**The Next exercise is the understanding of Intellectual Property and Critical Information**

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**Student's work:**

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**Based upon the research we did as an interdisciplinary of studying the EV industry each student took the time to analyse a company in the EV industry**

**Student's report:**

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