

"Our five-course dinners start with denial, followed by **anger**, bargaining, depression and finally acceptance."





REBRANDING A BUSINESS SCHOOL IN FIVE (VERY EMOTIONAL) STAGES



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OUR STORY

PROLOGUE

- Branding 101
- McGill Brand vs. Faculty of Management Brand

FIVE EMOTIONAL CHAPTERS

Denial 2005-2008
 Anger 2008-2010
 Depression 2010-2012
 Bargaining 2012-2014
 Acceptance 2014-Onward



BRANDING 101





WHAT IS BRANDING?



"the **art** of aligning what you <u>want</u> <u>people to think</u> about your organization with what people <u>actually do think</u> about your organization. And vice-versa."

> Jay Baer – Convince & Convert. Author with Amber Naslund of The Now Revolution.





REBRANDING THE WRONG WAY



...the creation of a NEW NAME, term, symbol, design,

with the <u>intention</u> of developing a differentiated (new) position in the mind of stakeholders.





REBRANDING THE RIGHT WAY

To communicate a modified differentiated position **BECAUSE**

the brand has <u>new</u>, modified, improved or enhanced value OR

the brand wants to **disassociate** itself from old, outdated or negative value.

Desired result: help retain your current consumers in the long-term, and **attract new** ones.



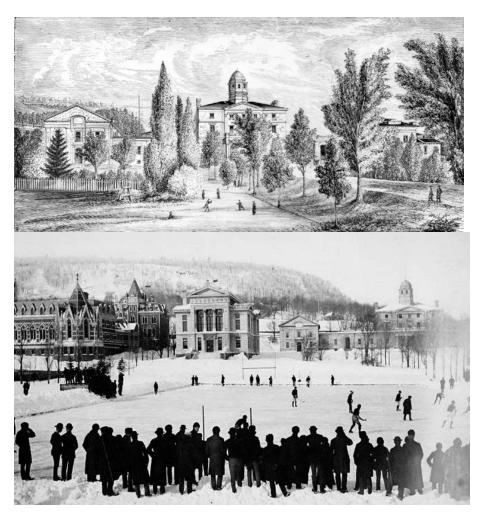
THE MCGILL BRAND VS. THE FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT BRAND



ONCE UPON A TIME ...



James McGill





MCGILL BRAND

• 200-year legacy

- Highly International Student, Faculty, Alumni
- Very Research-intensive
- Rigorous admissions & academics





MCGILL MANAGEMENT BRAND

- 100 year legacy
- Highly International Student, Faculty, Alumni
- Very Research-intensive
- **Rigorous** admissions & academics
- Faculty of Management NOT a business school



DESAUTELS SNAPSHOT

8 ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

10 RESEARCH DEGR CENTRES IN TH & INSTITUTES ACA

790 DEGREES AWARDED IN THE 2012-2013 ACADEMIC YEAR MORE THAN 2,700 STUDENTS MORE THAN **75** COUNTRIES REPRESENTED BY CURRENT STUDENTS 68% INTERNATIONAL PROFESSORS FROM 24 COUNTRIES

















MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS OFFERED











International

Masters

for Health

Leadership

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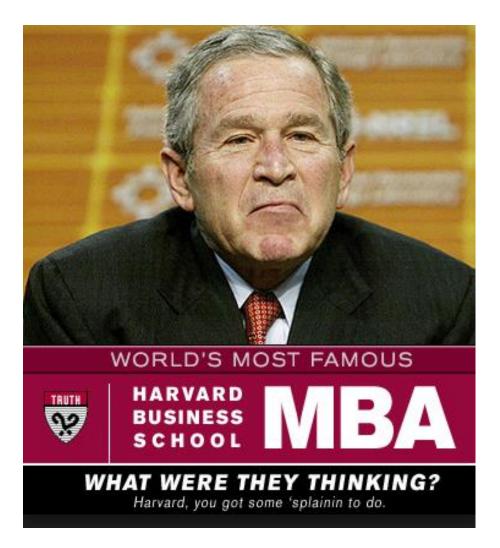
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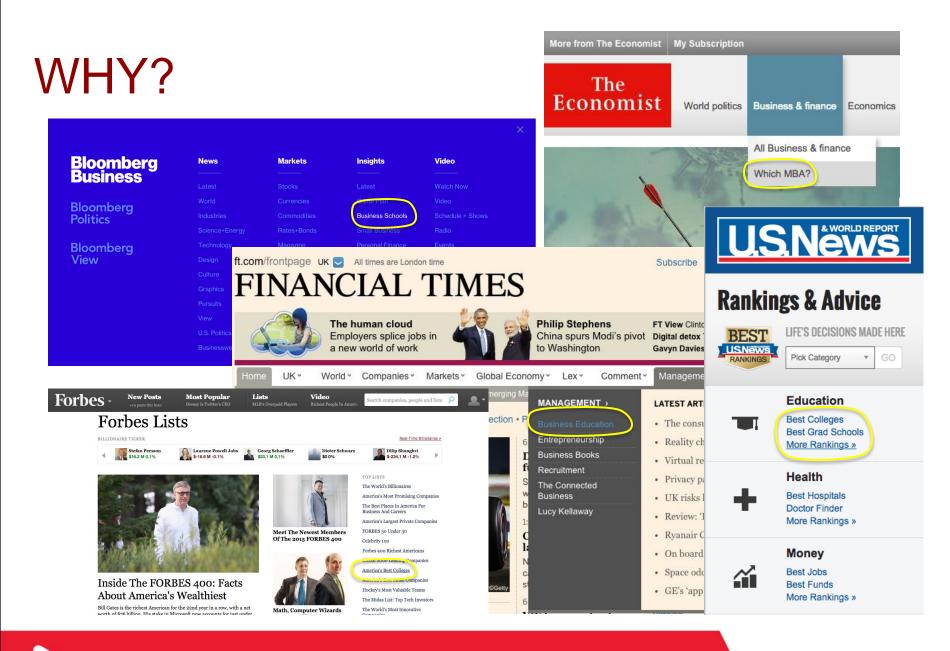
which product within the management portfolio matters the **most**?













2004...A REALITY CHECK

- Business school's reputation is based almost entirely on its **MBA progra**m. Ranking of an MBA program has a halo effect on the entire school.
- Top schools across Canada have become private, charging \$40,000 \$90,000 for an MBA program, investing in better teaching, services and facilities = better for global MBA rankings.
- Quebec provincial government prohibits the privatization of MBA programs, leaving tuition at about \$5,000 for the MBA program, **loosing \$ millions** every year.
- **Higher competition** from emerging schools in Asia, Middle East, Latin America
- McGill's **Faculty of Management MBA** ranked 4th in Canada and 38th in the world and risks declining in the face of competition and limited resources.



2005...A TURNING POINT

The Canadian Credit Management Foundation and Marcel Desautels donate \$22 million to the Faculty (another \$15 Million followed).

The largest single donation ever made to a business faculty in Canada at that time.

McGill's Faculty of Management is renamed the Desautels Faculty of Management.



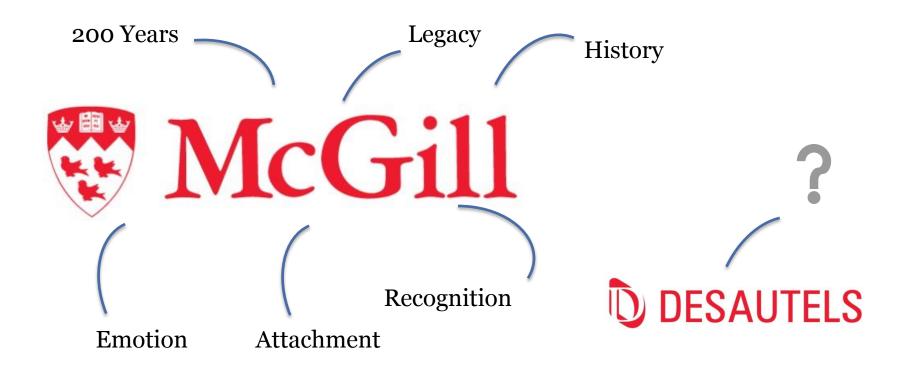


2005...A NEW BRAND IS BORN?





WHAT DOES A LOGO REPRESENT?





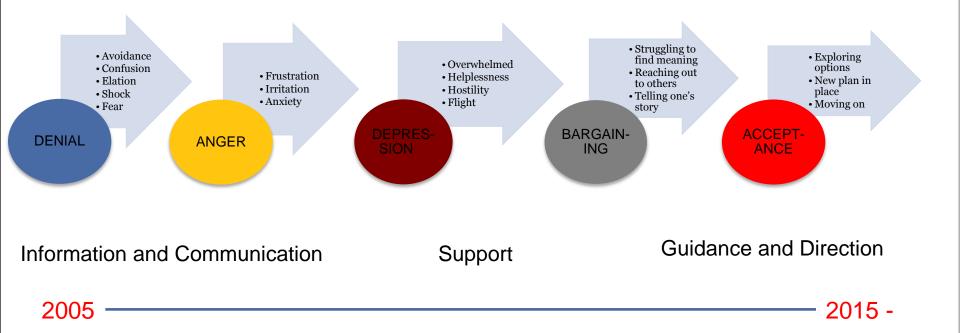


THE DESAUTELS **STORY** IN FIVE CHAPTERS





THE DESAUTELS REBRANDING GRIEF PROCESS







IMPACTED STAKEHOLDERS

- Prospective Students (undergrad, masters, PhD)
- Students
- Professors
- Alumni & Donors
- Administration
- Marcel Desautels
- Dean
- Principal of McGill
- Board of Governors
- Deans Advisory Board
- Community (Montreal, Quebec, Canada, International)
- Quebec Government



CHAPTER 1: DENIAL Inform & Minimize Confusion

Avoidance Confusion Elation Shock Fear

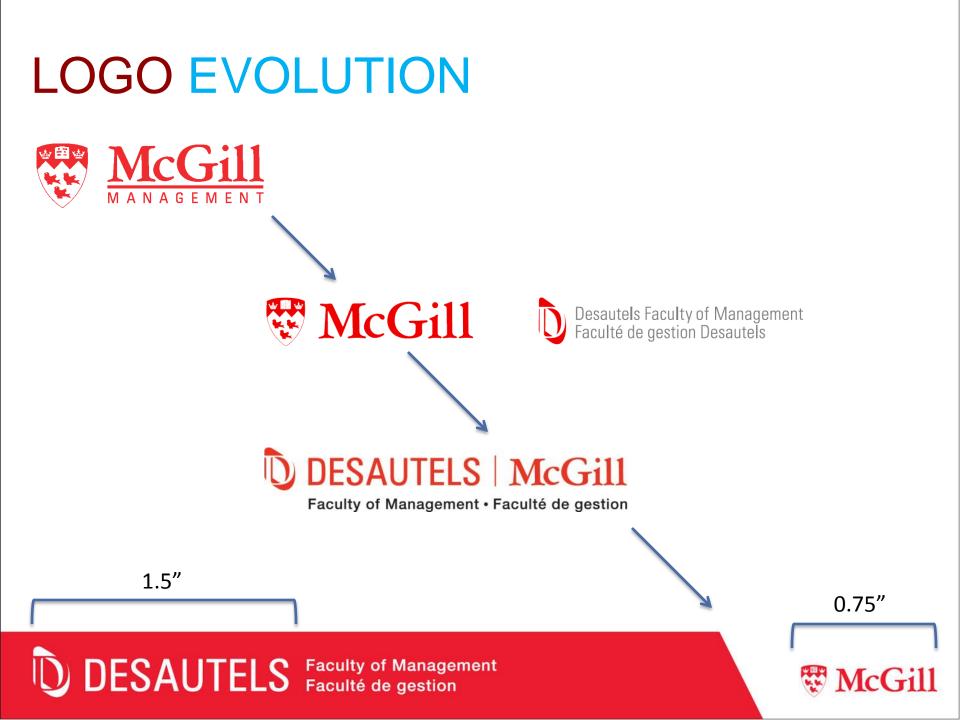


"McGill is a strong global brand. McGill is why I am here. This "Desautels" thing will never stick."

-Prominent Tenured Professor







LOGOS BEFORE REBRANDING









LOGO GUIDELINES

DESAUTELS

Logo Usage & Guidelines

This document outlines the general logo usages & guidelines for the Desautels Faculty of Management at McGill University.

For any inquiries, email us at web.desautels@mcgill.ca

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LOGOS AFTER REBRANDING

DESAUTELS Faculty of Management MBA





DESAUTELS Faculty of Management Career Services



DESAUTELS Faculty of Management Program for International Competitiveness



STATIONARY



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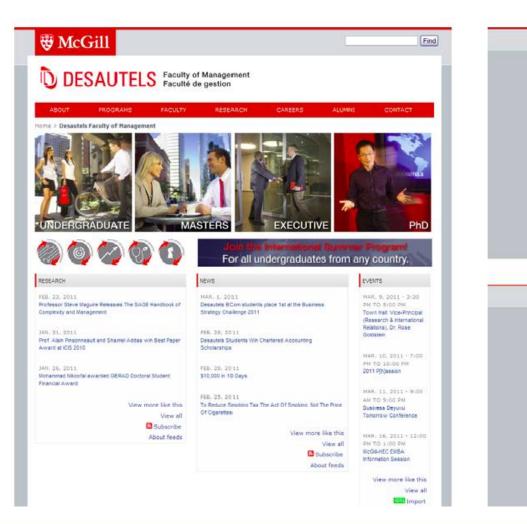
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BRANDED ITEMS





WEBSITE









BROCHURES



MBA FOR WORKING PROFESSIONALS

THE LEADING MEA IN JAPAN



PHOTOS & VIDEOS



Photoshoot for marketing purposes



Videos for marketing purposes



BUILDING





LESSONS LEARNED Little things can make a big difference

- What costs the least and is easiest to implement?
- Start with low-hanging fruit
- Show that the brand "sticks"





CHAPTER 2: ANGER Communicate Positively

Frustration Irritation Anxiety



"I don't support the Desautels Faculty. I support McGill University. Why do you need a new name?!"

-Major Faculty of Management Donor





INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS



Student Branding Concept Contest - sent via e-mail



E-mail signature:

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Monthly alumni e-newsletter



EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS

A TRANSFORMATION AT DESAUTELS

SINCE WE BECAME THE DESAUTELS FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT IN 2006 AND OVER THE COURSE OF CAMPAIGN MCGILL, THE FACULTY HAS TRULY EVOLVED





REDESIGNED CURRICULA

MBA, BCOM, AND PROFESSIONAL PART-TIME MBA

MAJOR RENOVATIONS

TO THE BRONFMAN BUILDING: FROM THE CONCOURSE TO THE 5TH FLOOR

150% # OF TENURED/TENURED-TRACK **PROFESSORS** IMPROVING OUR STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO

3 NEW PROGRAMS

International Masters for Health Leadership, McGill-HEC Montreal Executive MBA, International Summer Program **2 #** OF BCOM ACADEMIC ADVISORS







ALUMNI COMMUNICATIONS

Holiday card cover (internal and external use):





RE CONNECT



REDISCOVER YOUR FACULTY...

- Hired over 30 additional professors from around the globe since 2005
- Totally transformed Career Services for students and alumni
- Integrated alumni real-world expertise into the curriculum and in all disciplines
- Completely redesigned the MBA with a new co-taught integrated core curriculur
 Bevitalized the BCom with an interdisciplinary approach and unique new options
- Fully renovated learning spaces, including new high-tech classrooms
- Launched new world-class programs such as an International Masters for Health Leadership and the first bilingual Executive MBA Program in North America inspired by the pioneering work of Henry Mintzberg
- Inaugurated the Marcel Desautels Institute for Integrated Management supporting integrated management research, education and practice

RECONNECT WITH YOUR NETWORK...

- Access the Desautals online job bank for recruitment postings or job searches
 Build your personal and professional network around the globe
 Announce new developments and achievements to thousands of fellow alumni
 Receive invitations to axclusive events in your part of the world
 Participats in lecturing, mentoring or Desautale representation opportunities
- Receive regular research, news and faculty updates



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LESSONS LEARNED Communicate

- Be transparent and honest
- Be consistent and clear
- Be positive!





CHAPTER 3:DEPRESSION Provide Support

Overwhelmed Helplessness Hostility Flight



"I'm considering leaving. This is not the place it used to be."

-Administrator





SUPPORT EVENTS



"Staff appreciation day" cupcakes with Desautels folders





SUPPORT STUDENTS











SUPPORT RECRUITMENT





STUPPORT ALUMNI





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desautelsmcgill Our Halloween edition of #DesautelsFamily presents: The lovely #BCom office and staff! Saving students one advising appointment at a time, the BCom office is your FIRST stop if you ever have ANY questions regarding your student life here at @mcgillu! #HappyHalloween and stay safe tonight, everyone! #halloween #desautels #mcgillu #faculty #business #management #university #staff #office #DesautelsBCom #students

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#lifesavers #firststop

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LESSONS LEARNED Support

- Listen! To <u>EACH</u> stakeholder
- Find your champions
- Engage in positive ways





CHAPTER 4: BARGAINING Give Guidance

Struggling to find meaning Reaching out to others Telling one's story



"What do you want me to do? *How* do I promote Desautels when McGill is what my clients want?"

-Recruiter





GUIDE PROGRAMS

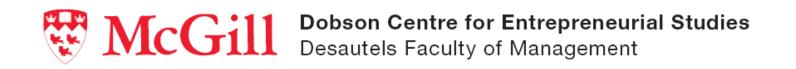




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MBA Japan Desautels Faculty of Management





TELL A CONSISTENT STORY





TELL A POSITIVE STORY









ENGAGE OTHERS IN STORYTELLING



WIKIPEDIA "Official" description of Faculty

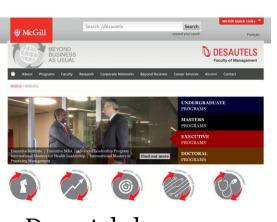


Communicate to alumni and create a network



Publishing videos

Instant Communication



Desautels homepage = central source of information



facebook

Selective communication via posts, photos and videos



Instant photo sharing





ENGAGE STUDENTS



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desautelsmcgill Wait but first... let me take a #DesautelsSelfie! From Nov 28 to Dec 4, take a #selfie in front of/at your fave study spot, hashtag #DesautelsSelfie & we'll add the location onto the #DesautelsApp map! We hope to encourage #students to go beyond #Bronfman and the campus to explore neat study spaces! One special student will receive a surprise. [] Note: Not to worry, your homes will not be added!

#study #examseason #desautels #app #letmetakeaselfie #studyspace #bronfmanhigh #explore #mcgillu #campus

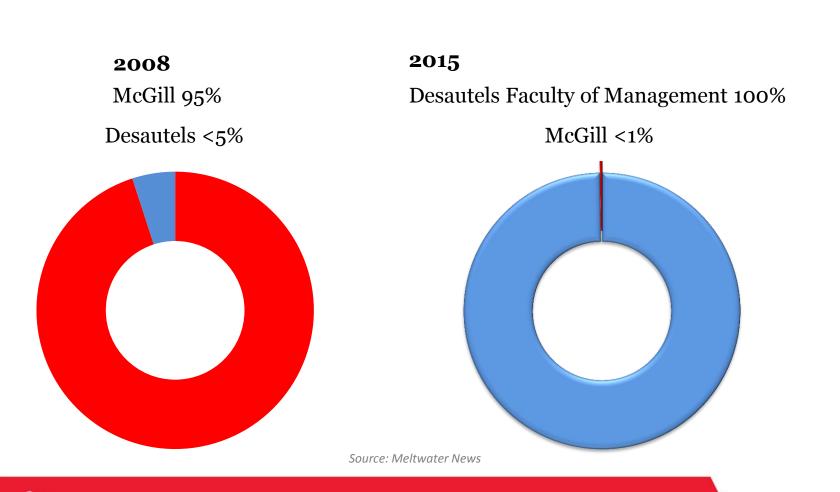
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ENGAGE THE MEDIA





LESSONS LEARNED

Focus on what you can control

- Get senior leadership buy-in
- Show positive results!
- Engage!

SECURITY



CHAPTER 5: ACCEPTANCE Provide Direction

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Exploring options New plan in place Moving on

NORLOLY INTEGRATED PERSONALIZED



desautelsmcgill The kittens are here for #DesautelsDestress! They are the perfect brand ambassadors :) #kittens #cat #therapy #destress #stressrelief #desautels

nour_sukkar @rashatabbakh we have a kitten stress relief not dogs hahaha

dez41383 Any way I can get one of those mugs or hats? I'm a #Desautels

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"I'll meet you at Desautels."

-Student, Faculty Member, Alumnus, Administrator





MISSION & VISION

Our Focus

In partnership with our alumni and friends, we will build on our strength as a leader in international management, enhance our focus on research and knowledge development, and continue to increase our emphasis on integrated management, entrepreneurship and health management in our teaching and research.

In so doing, we aspire to be increasingly:

WORLDLY

Beyond being highly international in terms of the makeup of our students and professors, or global in the outlook of our curriculum and research, worldly implies a holistic view, a deep understanding of another's world—knowledgeable, insightful, enlightened, experienced, streetwise.

INTEGRATED

Integrated management constructively faces the tensions between different and seemingly opposing perspectives to implement strategies that transcend these differences. Breaking down disciplinary barriers and embracing multiple perspectives encourages holistic approaches to management as well as to organizational and world challenges, leading to more innovative and sustainable solutions.

PERSONALIZED

Diversity means that each and every student and alumnus is truly unique, with very individual needs, aspirations and potential to contribute to the spheres of management, organizations and society. Supporting these differences requires an increasingly tailored approach to the curriculum, the services we provide for our students, and the engagement opportunities available to our alumni.



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

We are guided by the following strategic priorities in accomplishing our mission:

1 DRIVING INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT

"The significant issues with which society is now wrestling and the major challenges confronting managers are closely related. As these challenges mount, we need leaders who appreciate the interconnectedness of business disciplines as well as the values of different forms of capital – financial, natural, and social – to develop innovative solutions. We call this integrated management."

Professor Steve Maguire, Director, Marcel Desautels Institute for Integrated Management

2 EXPANDING OUR RESEARCH CAPACITY

"Growing our Faculty's research strengths and, in particular, building on our existing strengths in health care management research, help shape the future of management and lead to significant implications for our students, industry, and society. We must continue to recruit the finest researchers from around the world."

- Professor Saibal Ray, Director, PhD Program

3 ADVANCING THE WORLD'S BEST STUDENTS

"My fellow students, my professors, and Desautels alumni are making great contributions toward society. In particular, we must continue to attract and support the most talented and diverse students from all corners of the globe who have the potential to create economic, social, and ecological value."

Liboria Marsala, BCom student

4 PERSONALIZING THE STUDENT DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE

"Providing more customized personal and professional development helps us confidently go on to achieve outstanding things in all walks of life, all over the world. Employers are sure to take notice."

- Alexis Pradie, MBA student

5 CONNECTING WITH ALUMNI

"It's important for alumni to be involved with the Faculty in any way we can, helping to build the next generation of responsible leaders. By creating this stronger community, as alumni, we gain much from our interaction with students and faculty."

 Sheila Fraser, BCom'72, LLD'08, Corporate Director, Former Auditor General of Canada, Faculty Advisory Board member

6 BUILDING AN ENDURING FUTURE

"Given the challenges faced by universities today, Desautels continues to develop financial security by growing its self-funded programs, by diversifying where it offers its programs, and through building stronger relationships with the business community. We are also working toward building a better, more state-of-the- art learning, teaching, and research environment."

- J. Robert Swidler, BCom'68, Chairman (Canada), Egon Zehnder International Inc., Faculty Advisory Board Chairman







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LESSONS LEARNED Provide direction

- Engage people in the fun...
- Take some risks and have fun with the brand
- Make decisions and move forward







Strategies grow like weeds in a garden.

They take root in all kinds of places, wherever people have the capacity to *learn* (because they are in touch with the situation) and the resources to support that capacity.

These strategies become organizational when they become collective, that is, when they proliferate to guide the behavior of the organization at large.

- Henry Mintzberg





LESSONS LEARNED Rebranding is a journey

- Help people reach their own specific goals
- Make small concessions along the way, but don't loose sight of the ultimate goals
- Measure success & communicate it at each step!





THANK YOU!



