Experienced finance professional joins Huntsman School

Rick Hornsby, one of the newest faculty members in the Huntsman School, is a Cache Valley native who graduated from Logan High School. After receiving two degrees from the Huntsman School, he set out for a career that would take him from one side of the country to the other. So when an opportunity arose to return to his hometown and teach graduate level courses in the Economics and Finance Department, he jumped at the opportunity.

Hornsby comes to the Huntsman School with 26 years of experience at the Federal Reserve, where he held various positions throughout his career, including as head of the bank’s Financial Planning and Control Function, Corporate Strategy, and Corporate Administration. The last few years of his career were spent as the Chief Operating Officer for the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) in Washington D.C. The FHFA was created in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis to unwind the housing loans made by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

“The most valuable lesson I learned at USU was how to struggle with a particularly difficult or complex concept until I understood it. Once I understood it and could apply it, what was once a weakness became a strength,” said Hornsby, further adding that “two professors stand out in my memory as exceptional teachers, those being Paul Randle and Phil Swensen. Both taught finance and helped influence my education and career.”

Hornsby recently completed his first semester teaching and advising students as the Graduate Program Director in the Economics and Finance Department. “I found the experience very rewarding. I enjoy working with students as they interview for jobs and prepare for the working world. We have great programs at the Huntsman School, and I’m excited to get the word out about our Masters in Finance and Economics program.”