MBA-SKETCHNOTES

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CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

I'VE WANTED to get an MBA for some time. I began studying for the GMAT while finishing up the last classes I needed for my BS in Computer Science at BYU. I thought I would jump into the business program and leverage those skills to help businesses, but the timing wasn't right. I joined a fast-moving company and for the next four years I was teaching classes, programming, a lead developer on a couple projects, going on sales calls and traveling one week out of every month.

And I got married.

There was no time for additional education with the career demands, growing family and church activity as well. As it was, I was getting to bed sometimes at 1 am and getting out the door by 7. Education would have to wait.

Twenty years later I found myself enrolled in the executive MBA program at BYU. In some respects, I regret not going through the program earlier, but as I look back at the experiences, I wouldn't change a thing.

But enough about me. What about this book?

For the first few months in the program I was overwhelmed, but

then something clicked. I began asking myself, "What can I do that will be of value to the people in this room? How can I serve them and help them?"

I've dabbled off and on with sketchnotes in the past. I tried doing things in Penultimate for a while, but it never really gelled. I saw some of the work done by Ben Norris and figured I'd give it another try. So, halfway through the first semester I earnestly began sketching what I was learning in the lectures. I'd then post them into our slack instance for the cohort. I received a lot of positive feedback and that motivated me to keep going.

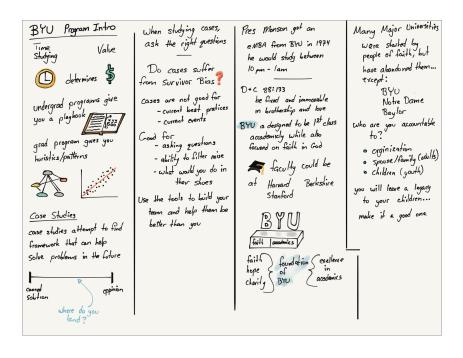
At the end of the first year I then have gone back through the posted notes for the classes and updated my notes to include things which I feel would be worth referring back to. The idea is to create a resource I could refer back to to refresh my understanding of concepts and key points to each of the classes in the program. Combine this with the excellent Visual MBA by Jason Barron and I think you will have a great resource for many of your business needs.

CHAPTER 2 RESIDENCY WEEK 1

PROGRAM INTRO

BEFORE GETTING into the meat of the program, we had a couple of overview lectures. In this one we learned the objectives and philosophy around the BYU MBA program. We also learned of a few people who are alumni of the program.

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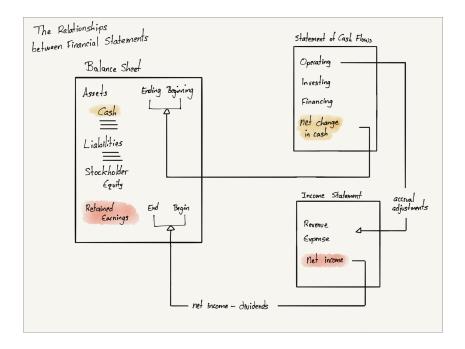
PART 1 SEMESTER 1

CHAPTER 1

EMBA 504-CORPORATE FINANCIAL REPORTING

THE THREE FINANCIAL Statements

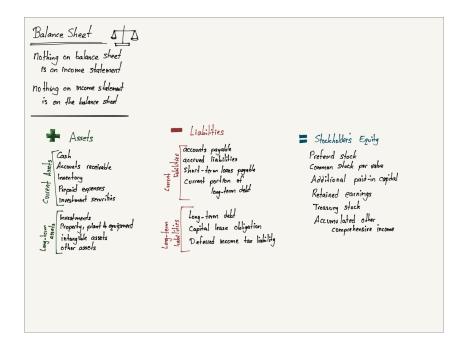
In business there are three major financial statements: The Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the Income Statement. Each of them has a different purpose and they are all related to one another. The graphic below shows their relationships.



The Balance Sheet

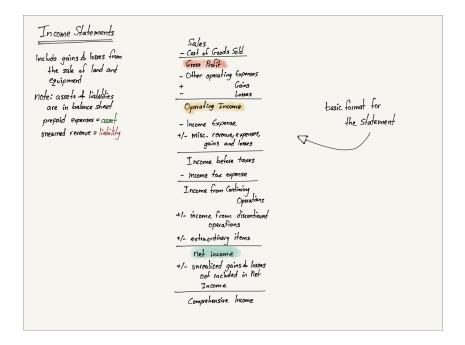
The Balance Sheet has been around for centuries and is the oldest of the financial statements. It is based on the idea that the total amount of your Assets (A) should equal your Liabilities (L) & the Stakeholder's Equity (E) in the company. A =L+E. If that equation doesn't balance, then there is something wrong in your sheet.

The graphic below shows the common elements in the balance sheet and how they are categorized.



The Income Statement

If you do not have income, then you will not be in business for very long. The income statement follows the general format displayed in the graphic below.



Gross Profit: The amount of money you have to cover all your expenses after you factor in the sales you made and their cost.

Operating Income: You can do all kinds of things when running a business, including buying and selling buildings, as a part of the every day running of the business. These are called Operating Expenses. What you have left over after those transactions is called "Operating Income"

Taxes are a normal part of life. After subtracting taxes and any other normal expenses you have "Net Income." When people typically talk about "the bottom line" they are talking about Net Income. It's usually the last thing on the income statement and should reflect the actual income you have in the company from doing business. Net income flows to the balance sheet and is reflected there as retained earnings after subtracting any dividends paid.

The Statement of Cash Flows

The Statement of Cash Flows is the third major financial statement. It is also the most recently developed.



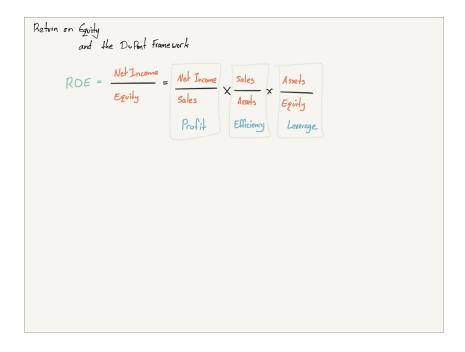
Important Ratios

When analyzing a company, ratios can give you a better idea of how the company is doing. Just having the raw numbers is nice, but the ratios can really help you zero in on where the company is doing well and where it may need some help.

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The DuPont Framework

The DuPont framework was created at DuPont in the early 1900s as a way to track different aspects of the company. Profit, Efficiency and Leverage, when combined together give us the Return on Equity ratio.

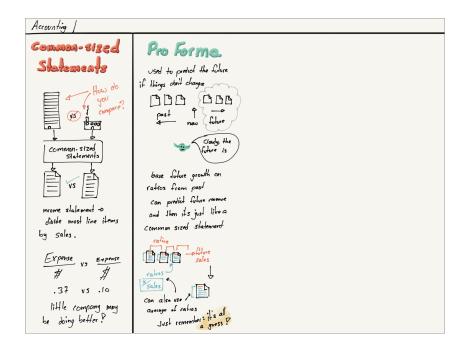


Common sized Statements and Pro Formas

Common sized financial statements are the best way to compare companies and are also used to find out where problems may be. It is hard to compare a company like Walmart to your local retailer or even Amazon for that matter. With common sized financial statements you can say that the "best" companies have specific financial mixes. It makes it easier to grade each company and see where things can be adjusted to make them better.

You can also use common sized financial statements to compare a company against its past performance. In this way you can tell of you are really growing as a company, or if things are getting worse.

Finally, creating common-sized financial statements are the first step in the process of forecasting how you expect a company to do in the future. The financial statements that forecast the future are called "pro forma" statements.



PART 2

OTHER MATERIAL

During my time in the program, we had many opportunities to participate in extra seminars, conferences or lectures. I tried to take as much advantage of these chances as I could. The notes in this section are a result of those extra opportunities.

NETWORKING USING LINKEDIN

The BYU MBA Alumni Manager, David Jungheim, does a lot with LinkedIn. He was asked by our class presidency to give a presentation on how to use LinkedIn to network better with other people. Here are the highlights from that presentation. He also creates sculptures out of Legos as a side business. If you have a chance, check it out.

