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Internship Council
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Meeting Summary:

☐ Introductions – Career Services is hiring another full-time person to work with Beth on the Internship Team to replace Jennifer who is transitioning to a permanent career counselor position. There is also a GA devoted to the internship team.

☐ Career Services – Located in two places:
  o Center for Career Planning and Development, WC 201, First Point of Contact for referrals, walk-in, résumé critiques, and general information.
  o Center for Internships & Employer Relations, SU 203, Pre-scheduled appointments, practice interviews, employer interviews

☐ Interships.uconn.edu – incorporated into www.career.uconn.edu, full of resources and information about housing, scholarships, additional search engines, academic credit per major, international internships and more.

☐ HuskyCareerLink – where internships (and jobs) are posted, on campus internships, etc. Please refer students to HuskyCareerLink for all of their internship search needs, as we have about 1000 opportunities in the system. HuskyCareerLink can be found on www.career.uconn.edu.

☐ The UConn Student – Keely Nears, Career Services GA, is working on a project to best understand “The UConn Student” so we can accurately reflect that information to employers seeking interns and full-time hires. If you have thoughts, please contact her via internships@uconn.edu.

☐ Internship Course(s) – Career Services continues to offer its one credit course; see attachment for details and feel free to refer students as appropriate. In addition, I am proposing a zero/non-credit monitored experience to allow students a chance to have something on their transcript, yet also have some oversight from our office, when they choose to intern and not earn credit. I will keep you informed.

☐ Intern of the Year - please refer to the enclosed application. Only academic internships may be considered.

☐ Intern Video Contest – this is a new concept that will be unveiled shortly. The idea is for a student who interned in 2012 to submit a short video about the experience and potentially win a big prize. Top submissions will be featured on the career services website.

☐ Internship Surveys - sent to students and employers. Roughly 400 students reported summer internships. This number is just one portion of the total numbers calculated to determine how many students complete internships. Further results and analysis will be put on the internship website and shared with all of you.
Internship Testimonials – please share names of students you believe had quality internship experiences. We want to highlight them on the career services website on the front page, as well as others on the testimonial page in internships.uconn.edu. Send names to internships@uconn.edu and we will contact the student directly.

National conferences and chances to present – If you would like to present a best practice or new idea, or just want to talk some other like-minded professionals about internships and co-ops, please consider the CEIA national conference. Details at www.ceiainc.org.

Upcoming Career Services events – located on the career services website, in the calendar. Feel free to send us your career related events that are open to the entire student body, and we will put them there too. Lastly, if you want someone from our department to present on a career related topic, such as interviewing, résumé writing, internships, the job search, etc., please fill out the presentation request form on the career services page.

Gary from Hillel mentioned a new mentoring program with alum. He is happy to discuss it with you if interested.

Going Global is a large database we subscribe to, that has domestic and international opportunities. In addition it is full of good cultural advice for those going to another country, both in the job search and upon arrival. To learn more, Join Going Global President and Founder Mary Anne Thompson for a live demo on October 25th or November 15th or 27th at 10:00 am/2:00 pm Eastern. To register for the demo or for further information, contact specialoffer@goingglobal.com or call 1-800-989-1190. You can let them know you are at a school with a subscription but want to get a better sense of how it all works.