Hire Big 10 Consortium Meeting Notes
Sunday, August 2

For anyone who'd like to see, I have a copy of the meeting packet and budget report.

I. Introductions
II. Review of fall meeting minutes
III. Treasurer's Report
    a. The budget is tight and there's a lot of concern around this point that affected the discussion of other items in the agenda such as eliminating the eliminating the $500 travel reimbursement because only one school applied for it last year.
IV. Diversity Events
    a. The new consortium events manager provided a recap of the Diversity in Communications and Diversity in Law events that took place on February 13, 2009. Having them both on the same day was a new format I believe and there was discussion about what went well and what could be improved. Along those lines, an email should be going out requesting a vote on changes to the application that would make it easier for students with disabilities to get whatever accommodations they may need on the trip.
    b. The Diversity in Business event, formerly known as Diversity on LaSalle Street, got a donation of $10,000 from the Bosch corporation so that event's near future is less impacted by the budget issues facing the consortium at large. It seems that the scope of the event has widened to go beyond just financial services firms, which is reflected in the name change, and is looking for other corporate sponsorships and ways to give them presence at the event. This event's on Friday November, 13 2009.
    c. The date for the Diversity in Law and Communications was set for February 12, 2009, but then one of the Chicago schools (DePaul) had a career fair scheduled on that day, so there was lots of back and forth on how to resolve this. An email's going out about a revote, but I talked to the events manager who said it will most likely be February 19.
V. Career Fair
    a. A lot of the budget concerns revolved around the viability of the Hire Big 10 Career Fair and there is a Career Fair Review Committee being headed up by Jeff Jenkins of Northwestern and he's looking for folks to be involved with that effort.
    b. The date for this year's career fair is set for April 9, 2009. There's also talk of moving the location from the University of Chicago in Hyde Park to a central downtown location, possibly DePaul.
VI. Vmock
    a. University of Michigan is trying out this interview software called Vmock—they were one of the vendors present—and if all goes well, the consortium may look into negotiating a group contract.
VII. Fall Recruiting/Impact of the Economy
    a. Reps from all the schools went around saying how the economy was affecting fall recruiting. Everyone's numbers seem to be down 20-30%.
    b. Intern to hire seems to be becoming a trend/strategy for companies and pushing up their summer intern search to early fall to get the cream of the crop.