Activities & Accomplishments Spring / Summer 2008

Professional Development Committee programming topics/speakers spring/summer 2008
- U of M Career Staff: CDN Volunteer Service Event at “Feed My Starving Children”
- Sara Nagel Newberg, Heidi Perman: “Tips From the Tipping Point”
- U of M Career Staff: CDN Best Practices Roundtable
- Van Houlson: “Library Services”
- Joyce Laher, Angie Schmidt Whitney, Liz Hruska, Maggie Kubak: “Disability Services”
- Learning Abroad Center Staff: Learning Abroad Site Visit Participation for CDN Members

2008 University of Minnesota Job and Internship Fair
- Record student and employer attendance - 250+ employers and 2,700+ students/alumni (up from 200 employers and 2000 students/alumni in 2007). Joint effort with coordinate campuses, held at Mpls. Convention Center.
- This year graduate/professional students and employers were successfully integrated into the event.

GoldPASS
- Since system re-launch in August 2007: 11,556 employers registered, 12,282 jobs posted, 28,967 active students and alumni, 6,784 resumes uploaded, 9,330 opportunities applied for via the system (note that most positions are applied for externally from GoldPASS, so this number does not reflect the total number of positions applied for).

Big 10 Committee → Diversity Committee
- Committee is redirecting focus towards diversity career events which make use of Big 10 affiliation.
- Currently exploring the feasibility of coordinating diversity-focused career events in the Twin Cities.

Employer Survey Committee
- Committee is coordinating 2008 employer survey, which was sent to 10,000 employer email addresses.
- Employer survey gathers information on employer expectations of U of M career services, and job search preparation and overall skill level of U of M graduates. Results will be available Fall 2008.

Exploring Interests and Majors Event
- 275 attendees to this event focused on undecided students. Event is planned in collaboration with AAN.

Academic Advising Network (AAN) Liaison
- CDN/AAN collaboration was enhanced via assigned liaisons. Liaisons attended meetings, shared best practices.
- Liaison contributed to planning of AAN/CDN co-sponsored webinar, which benefited staff in both groups.
- CDN liaison to AAN participated in Tate Advising Award planning committee.

Communications Committee
- Committee members worked with central career coordinator to redesign the general career services brochure.
- Committee regularly coordinates the writing and distribution of CDN semi-annual update, recruits/welcomes CDN members. Completes targeted outreach to one U of M office each year, and to students in EdPA and CSPP.

Interview Stream
- Online practice interview capabilities launched by central career coordinator.

Upcoming CDN Events
- Etiquette Dinner – October 14, 2008
- University of Minnesota Job and Internship Fair – February 9, 2009
- Exploring Interests and Majors – February 25, 2009

On-Going CDN Activities/Events
- Monthly professional development sessions for career staff with an average of 25 people regularly attending.
- Bi-annual retreats with lengthier professional development topics.
- CDN Listserv communication and collaboration.
- www.career.umn.edu