

Professional Development Committee Report to Winter Retreat Fall 2005 Summary

Current Committee Members

Jennifer Engler Janelle Larson (Outgoing Co-Chair), Beth Lory (Co-Chair), Jane Vega

Accomplishments

August

Speaker: Ruth Rounds Topic: Wellness, specifically the practice of mindfulness
CDN members reported that the presentation helped them...

- Learn how mindfulness can help with good customer service skills
- Remember that we make the choice of being mindful
- Have 30 minutes out of the work day where they were encouraged to calm down and reduce stress

September

Speaker: Barbara Laporte Topic: Treasure Mapping
CDN members reported that the presentation helped them...

- Learn about the career topic of treasure mapping
- Identify a new way of goal setting
- Discover a new skill for working with students/clients

October

Speaker: Becky Hall Topic: GoldPASS Overview
CDN members reported that the presentation helped them...

- Learn more about GoldPASS
- Feel confident in the product
- Get their questions answered about the new system of posting jobs

November

Speaker: Becky Hall Topic: GoldPASS, Part II
CDN members reported that the presentation helped them...

- Learn factual info about GoldPASS and issues around career offices cooperation
- Understand GoldPASS better by walking through the system and being able to ask questions
- Appreciate all the hard work that has gone into building the system

December

Speaker: Linda Thrane Topic: University Relations
CDN members reported that the presentation helped them...

- Learn more about U Relations and about their interest in working with CDN
- Learn about content changes on the www.umn.edu website, and the strategy behind those changes
- Understand the broad impact and influence of UR within/outside of the University and the state of Minnesota
- Learn how the University is moving forward on integrated marketing and strategic positioning

Programming planned for 2006:

January – Maureen Bailey, The Baily Group

February - Diane Granos, Human Resources Specialist, Office of Personnel Management

March – Jennifer Engler, Transitions Model

April – Jerry Rinehart, Undergraduate Reform: Student Support Task Force

May – CDN Business Meeting

June – Employer Survey Results and Employer Panel

Other topics/groups recently suggested by CDN members:

Center for Spirituality and Healing ; Multicultural Center for Academic Excellence; Online resources (portal/distance counseling); MBTI training: Jean Kummerow; Student panel talking about career services; best practices working with students; Nutrition, fitness, time management, wellness, stress management tips; Boynton 2004 Health Survey Data; Working with international students

Learning Abroad module; Career-related, personality assessments used by CDN members; FERPA training

Additional accomplishments of the Professional Development Committee

- Created and used an evaluation form for speakers (compiled results emailed to each speaker)

Goals/priorities/pressing issues for coming semester/year

- Continue to meet the professional development needs of the Career Development Network by...
 - Soliciting ideas for topics/speakers from the CDN membership
 - Identifying internal University of Minnesota and external to the University of Minnesota speakers who can discuss current issues related to the work of the membership
 - Working to meet the diverse interests of the membership
 - Providing opportunities for membership to keep abreast of current career development practices and issues
 - Encouraging membership to learn about the various resources available for staff on campus
- Fill the current vacant Co-Chair position

Identify additional committee members to represent the wide diversity of interests found in the Career Development Network