

Internship Meeting-September 16, 2008

Noon to 1:30 PM

Those Attending:

Anisa Gharbi-Psychology Intern, Fran Sistrunk-Social Work, Dr. Judith Pike-English, Naomi Nash-Fulton School Advising Services Coordinator, Dreanna Ryan-Perdue School, Paul Gasior-Coordinator of Field Experiences-Seidel School, Dr. Judith Stribling-Faculty/Environmental Marine Sci. Coordinator-Biology, Dr. Susan Muller-Chair, Health, Physical Education and Human Performance, Dr. Brian Stiegler-Director, Center for International Education, Dr. Dave Shuhy-Faculty, Theatre and Dance, Rob LaChance-Managing Director, Center for Conflict Resolution, Dr. Jody Morrison-Faculty-Communication Arts, Dr. Joan Maloof-Faculty/Environmental Studies Coordinator, Biological Sciences, Dr. Natalie Hobson-Chair, Conflict Analysis and Dispute Resolution and Psychology Faculty, Dr. Dean Defino-Faculty, Math and Computer Science, Kim Clark-Shaw-Advising Services Coordinator, Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies, Dr. Adam Hoffman-Faculty-Political Science, Charlie Endicott-Career Services/Recorder

Notes:

- Introductions were made and lunch was provided
- Becky showed Career Services internship website and discussed Internship Alerts
- Dr. Hobson told everyone the psychology internship was no longer part of the required classes for the major. This caused one student a problem getting in to graduate school that required an internship. She stated the department was leaning more toward research. The internship is no longer a graded class-it is a P/F due to grade inflation.
- Becky stated that roughly 1/3 of all interns are paid.
- A discussion was held on some of the problems with internships including safety of the student, liabilities, insurance, sexual harassment, etc.
- Judith Pike stated she had a problem with one of her student placements last year. There was an issue of sexual harassment. Natalie Hobson said their department has a sexual harassment policy form and a safety form students signed. Becky agreed she would locate these forms and send them around to the group.
- Susan Muller said it would be a good idea if the group standardized the forms and we all used them.
- Liability issues were discussed and the group was under the impression that once a student was enrolled in a class he/she was covered by insurance.
- Becky told the group she heard Ann Donahue, (past District Attorney) say the state covered those interns.
- It was brought up to the group to have the new District Attorney speak to the group about liability issues.
- Becky told the group that 40-60% of all interns are offered jobs with that organization.
- Judith Stribling stated biology internship credit is not counted toward their major.
- Many internship programs do conduct "presentations" for the student to tell and explain their internship to people in the department. Some presentations are done during final exams.
- Jody Morrison stated that their internships were counted as credit toward their major.
- Dean Defino said there was one local employer the department would not refer interns.
- Susan Muller suggested there be one location that past internships are posted so everyone could view them.
- Becky said Career Services could provide workshops to interns concerning safety, professionalism, liabilities, etc. Maybe the police could develop a program to address safety
- Jody Morrison suggested we do this once a semester
- Becky ended meeting and suggested we do one topic next meeting. Meeting closed 1:20PM