CAREER INITIATIVE (CI) PROGRESS

1. The CI team has begun a series of exploratory conversations with local employers to discuss employers’ perceptions of skills requirements, recruiting/hiring challenges and needs, ideal employer interfaces with L&S. Most recently, the CI team has met with a representative with Robert W. Baird and Company.

2. Over the past week, the CI team has completed interviewing finalists for the new Assistant Director for Career Education. The Assistant Director will serve as the lead coordinator of the new career course and residential program in Ogg Hall. A finalist will be named soon.

3. Fourteen departments have initiated conversations with the CI team to increase alumni engagement with students, develop department LinkedIn pages, consult on the development or expansion of internship programs, increase career programming in the department, and more. The CI team can help. To find out more, contact Leslie Kohlberg.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The L&S Second-Year Career Development Course (Inter-LS 210), a nearly 100% donor-funded venture, will be offered for the first time this spring. To be a great success, we will need the participation and support of our community.

You can help by...

1. Informing second-year students about this course and encouraging them to enroll. View the course syllabus and talking points here

2. Recruiting excellent TAs, career advisors, and alumni to make up our top-rate instructional team:
   • 5 experienced TAs from the College of Letters & Science to lead lab sections (50% positions)
   • 20 volunteer career advisors to assist in labs to support students’ career development throughout the course (information attached)
   • 21 alumni to visit labs to provide their perspectives on the value of their liberal arts degree for their personal and professional development, which specific skills learned in their major and/or degree have provided particular value, and why and when they network with other professionals. If you have someone in mind, please contact Dave Nelson

Professor Greg Downey, faculty director of the course, and Rebekah Paré, CI director, welcome your questions.

ALUMNI-STUDENT MENTORING OPPORTUNITY THIS WEEK

The Career Initiative launches its first college-wide alumni-student mentoring session this week, called “Badger-to-Badger: Student and Alumni Mentoring Session.” Twenty-six L&S alumni representing over 20 majors and certificate programs and industries from finance and business to non-profit and communications will spend an hour talking with students about their career interests. This event is open to all students. Thurs., October 23rd, 4:00-5:00 pm, Varsity III (Union South)

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