CAREER INITIATIVE (CI) PROGRESS REPORT

1. Alumni Communications: Does your department or unit send out alumni and donor newsletters or other alumni communications? The L&S Office of Advancement has a special dean’s message on the L&S Career Initiative. This short 350-word piece can be customized by unit and included in departmental messages. If you'd like the message, please contact Megan Costello mlcostello@ls.wisc.edu.

2. Academic Planning and Institutional Research’s Post-Graduation Questionnaire will go out later this month. As a reminder, L&S will have a college-specific survey attached to this questionnaire that will go to graduating seniors. Please a) inform your seniors that the survey is coming, and b) let them know how important it will be for L&S to have a good response rate.

3. Showcase 2014 was a great success! We had over 125 people stop by our poster to find out more information about the Career Initiative, and 26 people attend our panel on Career Ready Students.

4. We are now in the interviewing stage for the joint hire between the Wisconsin Alumni Association and the CI, the Director of Alumni Networks & Career Resources. We hope to complete this search mid-April.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

1. Dean Scholz has requested the assistance of several faculty to assist with the new Sophomore Year Academic and Career Planning Seminar by reviewing a draft syllabus and sending back feedback. Timeline: Feedback due May 31, 2014. Contact Rebekah Paré (pare@wisc.edu) to get involved.

2. The L&S Office of Advancement is on the hunt for inspired and interesting stories from our alumni and students -- Do you know someone who exemplifies and is passionate about the liberal arts? Someone who overcame a challenge? Someone who is passionate about their career? We're looking for students and alumni to profile for L&S publications. Contact Megan Costello at mlcostello@ls.wisc.edu to submit a pitch!

Q & A

Q Can we talk to our Board of Visitors about the L&S Career Initiative?
A Absolutely! Dean Scholz is looking forward to talking with the L&S Board of Visitors later this month to get their input on the Career Initiative. He was on the road last month visiting with alumni and donors in the Twin Cities. These visits were a great opportunity to engage alumni with the Career Initiative. Each visit is also a reminder that our alums are passionate and energized by the Career Initiative and eager to engage. If you would like talking points or handouts on the Career Initiative, please contact Rebekah Paré (pare@wisc.edu).

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Only 7% of L&S students, for a total of 1,259, attended the campus-wide Career and Internship Fair this past fall. L&S majors’ attendance ranged from 0%-33% with the exception of Botany. Botany had 100% of its students attend the fair! How was your major attendance like? Check out the attached information.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS?

Email Rebekah Paré <careerinitiative@ls.wisc.edu>