

GTAAN Meeting Notes, “C2D2 & Financial Aid”

Student Center Peachtree Rm. • 11:30 am – 1:00 pm • February 17, 2016

❖ **Welcome & Introductions**, Wes Kirkbride, GTAAN President

- Introduction of 1st time GTAAN attendees
- Overview of GTAAN Exec Board; contact information available on website
- 2016 Meeting Dates already planned and are also available on our website so you can plan accordingly – Regular meetings, Symposium, and Holiday Social

❖ **Announcements**, Omar Rodriguez, Registrar (see attached for detailed information) & Christen Steele, CS

- ARCHE Application Deadline for Summer is April 15th & Fall is April 25th, so please share these dates with your students or refer them to the GaTech Cross-Registration website for Georgia Tech deadlines (not ARCHE application).
- Spring 2016 OAG Audit started February 15th by Registrar and will update advising units once completed (before April 8th).
- Summer Early Commencement Deadline – March 16th; Policy: <http://www.commencement.gatech.edu/students/summer-graduates>
- Commencement Volunteers needed – contact Luis by March 16th
- OAG Summer & Fall Deadlines – May 20th & August 26th respectively
- Summer & Fall Phase I Registration – March 28th – May 20th
- Schedule of Classes available to faculty, staff, & students March 9th
- Students interested in pursuing a CS minor should visit www.cc.gatech.edu/minors to learn more or sign-up for the minor interest meeting conducted weekly reviewing the application process and the opportunity to ask their personal questions.

❖ **C2D2**, Michelle Tollier, Executive Director & Program Directors

- DOPP & Career Services merger in 2014 to create a one-stop shop for students and employers regarding internships, co-ops, career advising, & professional development

- i. Know that C2D2 is collaborative and not territorial when it comes to referring students to services on-campus or within individual colleges/units
 - ii. Key takeaways from Mission Statement (PDF attached) – launch and sustain careers, so offerings focus on long range career management
 - iii. Want to teach students how to not only get work, but “how to work”
 - iv. Currently collaborating with Serve.Learn.Sustain to develop programs and workshops
- o Pre-Graduate & Pre-Professional Director, Shannon Dobranski
 - i. Access advising in one location & a team to help answer faq’s although there is a designated advisor for the pre-professions
 - ii. Addition of a pre-law advisor to assist with law school decisions and applications; doesn’t take away from minor or work done by Robert Pikowsky
 - iii. Students who have questions regarding graduate school or interests can speak to Shannon; April 5th 1st ever graduate studies fair; Feb. 25th Georgia Law schools fair; Astronaut Scholarship see Kathryn Meehan before Feb. (STEM research scholarship available to everyone)
- o Student Education Program Director, Wayne Thompson
 - i. 6 Career Development Advisors, Located on the 1st floor
 - ii. Work with students looking for internships, co-ops, and full-time positions
 - iii. Currently have 360 students who have cleared co-op positions
 - iv. Required audit course keeps students full-time, at no cost
 - v. Every semester roughly 600 internships and co-ops go out each semester or are away from campus with experiential opportunities
 - vi. F-1 students now have the opportunity to register one-semester internships using their CPT (new policy updates PDF attached).
- o Employer Relations Director, Patty Bazrod
 - i. On-campus recruiting and employer relations
 - ii. Employer Relations Network – develop a partnership to work as a team
 - iii. Co-op and internship fair in the Spring; managed flow and volume of students
 - iv. 2-day fall Career Fair

- Operations & Assessment Director, Andrea Comsa
 - i. Resources – Career Buzz; Optimal Interview; Videos on C2D2 to prep
 - ii. Tips & Tricks – need to have an applicant type designated to apply for open positions and once approved, they'll be able to apply; screening criteria for positions available; send students to C2D2 with questions or Career Buzz issues
 - iii. Faculty module allows advisors to view Career Buzz if they would like – sign up on the portal
 - iv. Optimal Interview is an on-line tool that allows students to practice interview skills; virtual and coaching both available

❖ **Financial Aid**, Jennifer Mullins & Monique Anderson

- Frame of reference – work with continuing students and the office of admissions for recruiting students
- Registered Co-Op & Internships students – earning excluded from FAFSA and do not impact financial aid eligibility; on taxes they will list earnings as co-op and not wages.
- Discussion of Handout of Hot Topics (PDF attached) and additional questions addressed below.
 - i. HOPE & Zell credit hours and payments
 - ii. Advise students to take what makes sense academically and let that drive decisions about HOPE & Zell
 - iii. Counts every hour taken anywhere in the world after you've graduated from HS, whether those universities have HOPE & Zell; 7 year cap on eligibility since graduation from HS
 - iv. Student impression at FASET is that they must take 15 credits, but that's not true it's just that they're confused by the award letter where the maximum is initially allotted.
 - v. Students who have PROMISE scholarship and they lose HOPE/ZELL then PROMISE will pick up amount lost

❖ **Wrap-up**, Wes Kirkbride

- Survey Monkey will be sent for attendees to give GTAAN feedback – check email later today.