

NECC 2020 Strategic Planning Update: May 2018



Context

The vision of this goal team is to provide students with comprehensive career development services including access to internships, career exploration, experiential learning, and job placement.

Accomplishments

- The **Internship Data Collection Team** has created a process to standardize data collection and reporting for employer's feedback on their experience with NECC student internships. Program coordinators will regularly complete a newly-developed survey to report this information.
- Working collaboratively with the Integrated Student Experience goal team we have developed **Career Pathways documents** that will pair with the Curriculum Pathways. Lance Hidy is currently working on developing Career Pathways documents as an advising tool.
- In collaboration with Meta Major Centers:
 - The CIS department had a **Career Panel** on April 26 with current students, recent graduates, and representatives from industry.
 - Lab Sciences hosted an event on April 17 to highlight the MA Life Sciences Internship Challenges. A representative joined us to share information with students.
 - The Business and Accounting Meta Major Center has been hosting a series of career workshops, featuring representatives from industry, including Moore Staffing and TD Bank.
 - The Psychology Department hosted a resume writing workshop and a panel discussion on career pathways. The department now wants to embed resume writing in the Psychology 101 curriculum.
- **Health Sciences is hosted a Career Fair** in conjunction with **ValleyWorks** and **Anna Jaques Hospital**. The event will featured a panel focusing on men in healthcare.

In Progress

- Trish Schade and Clare Thompson have been working on **embedding career exploration** into their RWR courses. Additionally, there are ongoing discussions about developing an undecided major. With this undecided major, students would be required to take First Year Seminar and within the course they would experience in-depth career exploration.
- The team is working to schedule virtual or in-person **visits** to UCONN, Merrimack and Bentley's Career Centers. It will be tremendously helpful to talk to their staff as we plan out our new space and to gather ideas for **enhancing career services at NECC**.
- **Networking Night** will be held on May 17. This is a large-scale event designed to help our students navigate a networking environment and to make meaningful connections between students and employers. Planning is well underway.