

TACE 2013 Roundtable Discussion Reports

Topic: Co-Ops and Internships

Table Facilitator: Don Foster, Tennessee Tech

Ideas:

- Students should receive a “career readiness certificate” in conjunction with completing internship/co-op. In order to receive certificate, students must complete the following:
 - Resume critique
 - Mock interview
 - Attend career workshop
 - Attend career expo
- 2 year community colleges can offer year- long co-op experience
- Offer students on-campus internships
- Market internships during freshmen year
- Best time to complete co-op is junior/senior year
- Market internships to employers via email, career expos and employer on-campus visits
- Market internships to students via classroom, email, LinkedIn, publications

Topic: Collaboration Across TACE

Table Facilitators: Gary Boling, Belmont; Stacy Ballinger, Lee University

Ideas:

- Posting and sharing LinkedIn job postings between colleges and employers
- Faculty/Staff luncheons with employers to share knowledge
- Information sessions/networking groups
- Support and information sharing between instructors, business advisors and TACE member
- Co-op coordination with local employers
- Connect to TACE website via NACE
- Create new member group on LinkedIn
- Best practice sharing
- Special group for community colleges
- More events to network with members
- More roundtable discussions throughout year
- Monthly regional meetings
- Webinars for TACE members - \$99 or less
- Poll colleges and employers for discussion topics at TACE events
- Share assessment/benchmark data
- Emphasize membership growth
- More networking opportunities to build relationships

Topic: Strategic Planning & Assessment

Table Facilitator: Lynnette Smith

- Council of Academic Standards – CAS on TACE Website
- Provide written feedback to all students for mock interviews in order to assess progress
- Create career paths models for career transitioners
- Create rubric for mock interviews that are career specific
- Bring in HR to conduct mock interviews
- Utilize career cluster surveys

Topic: Marketing

Table Facilitator: Sandi George Tracy