CDC Mission: Develop relationships between corporations and S&T that will help S&T accomplish its four strategic objectives and lead to a student who is better prepared to join the workforce.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2012

Dates held for Spring Meeting:
- Tuesday, March 5, 2013
- Wednesday, March 6, 2013
- Thursday, March 7, 2013

Jobs identified by the CDC that S&T needs to focus on:
Top list pulled from the list provided by Dr. Schrader
- Prepare qualified graduates: Experience; Skill sets; leadership (what makes you stand out)
- Provide assistance in finding qualified hires
- Continue relationships: certification, training, specialized development
- Creativity and entrepreneurship
  - Competence and innovation
  - Create competitive advantage
Note: students/individuals who value diversity
  - Interest in broader base of learning - outside of the box
  - Problem solvers
  - Project management--how does the job fit into the big picture

Areas for improvement (S&T)
- Diversity x2
  - Ethnic, gender, ability to work in US

Q & A
Q. Our society is very mobile and people look at change in 3 to 5 years, employers inquired about access to alumni for hire.
A. Both alumni and corporate recruiters have opportunity to look at S&T for assistance.

Q. Alumni looking for positions may want to keep search private to keep current employer from knowing they are looking. (Alumni are eligible to use the services of COER)
A. S&T alums can post private or public.

Q. Continue relationships; professional certifications, etc.
A. It depends upon the field of study. University is behind in the areas of software development. University needs to have a highly specialized program to stand out.

Q. Communication and soft skills
A. Continues to be an area of emphasis for employers.

Review of meeting:
- Good interaction with faculty/dialogue.
- Link up with faculty for additional conversation as a service for people coming in for career fair.

Spring meeting:
- Host panel discussion with students.
  - Students can advise employers of items they could contribute to different projects.
  - Include student presentations as a part of the meeting as a tool to inform CDC of activities.
Update on strategic themes from Chancellor Schrader. Curriculum feedback; what students need and skill set.