

Admissions and Financial Aid Committee
Minutes 10/16/07

Justin Morris, networking coordinator from the Office of Career Services, spoke to us about the opportunities and services provided to Pitt students (and alumni). Mission of the Pitt Pathway is to educate the whole student in the process of planning for and locating employment after graduation. The program starts Freshman year with workshops, individual assistance and professional development programs.

Career counselors work with student advisors and are available to assist with choice of a major or career field. Justin estimates that 30-40% of undergraduates participate in individual counseling sessions, seminars and workshops that focus on creating resumes, writing cover letters and interviewing, finding internships, exploring graduate school and/or the job market. The Explore program matches students with counselors and consultants, helps students identify their interests and strengths, and invites participants to a 2-day reflection retreat to focus on finding direction and purpose in life. The Bridge program targets juniors and seniors, helping to connect them with jobs or graduate programs.

Pitt's web-based career search systems ('Future Links') puts students in touch with alumni in their career field of interest, links to an online career library, allows searches for jobs and internships and posting resume's for those positions. The global employer directory contains corporate listings in 32 countries, accessing 100,000 international jobs and internships and thousands of openings in the US.

There will be no meeting in November as the third Tuesday falls during Thanksgiving week. Tentative schedule of speakers for the rest of the academic year:

February: Pattie Beeson, Freshman Surveys

March: Speaker from Office of Experiential Learning

April: Speaker from Studies Abroad