



SPEG Issue 9 – Wednesday 15th April 2015

Introduction

The Science Placement and Employability Group consist of Academic and Support Staff representatives who meet regularly to discuss Placement and Employability matters arising within the Faculty. The SPEG Newsletter has been devised to report back the matters discussed and keep all Faculty of Science Staff up to date.

The following items have been discussed at the most recent SPEG Meeting:

World of Work Career Centre Updates

Upcoming Events supported by the World of Work Careers Centre this academic year, 2014/15:

Pharmaceutical Science Event	Monday 20th April 2015
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Staff will receive weekly career digests from the World of Work Careers Centre, with workshop and event details.

For more information, contact the World of Work Careers Centre, tel: 0151 231 8099

Work Shadowing/ Observational Placements

Observational placements fall under the Placement Learning Code of Practice definition of 'work shadowing'. Observational placements will require completion of appendix 1, 3, 4 and Learning Agreement.

Non-compliance

A meeting has been set up with Marie Ward to discuss the concerns around the lack of formal procedures for dealing with the students' non engagement within SPS. The Faculty intend to develop a process for re-occurring issues with students not complying with module requirements.

CV support for Students

Jamie Fearn (World of Work and Skills Support Unit) met with Charlotte Corke and Joanne Ives (World of Work Careers Centre) to discuss the two separate CV support services available for SCS students:

1. World of Work and Skills Support Office (Room 144 James Parsons Building, Byrom Street) - offer a structured, 1:1 discussion with a Learning Officer.
2. World of Work Careers Centre (Career Zone, James Parsons Building, Byrom Street) - appointments to complete a CV using the online CV builder

The aim of the meeting was to ensure there is no duplication of work and all students are receiving the same quality standard of service.

For more information on these services, please contact:

World of Work and Skills Support Unit, tel: 0151 231 2079

World of Work Careers Centre, tel: 0151 231 8099

Student Citizenship Award

Katie Lawrence has been selected as the Student Citizenship Award Champion for the Faculty of Science. The Student Citizenship Award recognises students who are involved in a wide range of voluntary, community and charitable activity.

This academic year, the Faculty of Science put forward one student nomination, which was accepted and received.

Further information about this year's awards can be found via the following link:

<https://www2.ljmu.ac.uk/newsupdate/viewarticle/2027/>

Katie Lawrence will be looking for more nominations to put forward next academic year – keep your eyes peeled.

For more information, please contact Katie Lawrence, tel: 0151 231 2079, email:

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Sandwich Placement Proforma

A draft Sandwich Placement Proforma is currently in progress and will be available for consideration for other WBL modules once confirmed.

Code of Practice Feedback/ Review

A request has been sent around by Jamie Fearn to all SCS staff, for feedback on the Placement Learning Code of Practice that has been implemented this year. There will be a formal review meeting on Thursday 23rd April, and any proposed changes will go to the next University Education Committee.

For more information, please contact Jamie Fearn, tel: 0151 231 2349, email:

J.Fearn@ljmu.ac.uk

Thumbs up for the new Byrom Street Career Zone

The WOWCC have reported that the new student Career Zone appears to be working well and popular with students due to the fantastic location.

All 1:1 SCS appointments with Laura Aldridge are available in the Career Zone.

Currently, the Faculty of Science have a high demand for 1:1 career appointments, which Laura Aldridge has raised with management. Other means of support are available for students, such as help from Health Careers Advisors to support health related queries.

For more information about the Career Zone, please contact the World of Work Careers Centre, tel: 0151 231 8099

Guide for students looking for lab works – NOW AVAILABLE

Guides are now available for students under the 'LJMU Mini Guides: Science' section, via the following link:

<https://www2.ljmu.ac.uk/worldofwork/123871.htm>

For more information about the electronic resources available, please contact the World of Work Careers Centre, tel: 0151 231 8099

Urgent request for updates to Career Planning Guides

Request for contributions of new or additional information to 2015/16 Career Planning Guides, **DEADLINE:** Friday 24th April 2015.

Although this time is limited, it is important to note that the Faculty will start paying for the guides so contributions are encouraged.

If you have any contributions, or for more information please contact Laura Aldridge, tel: 0151 231 8686, email:

L.Aldridge@ljmu.ac.uk

Undergraduate Internships Available for SCS Students

There are currently 24 internship vacancies available on the WOWCC website for students, and the WOWCC team are currently working to increase this to 40.

LJMU are one of **only** three preferred Universities to be offered funding for Biology, Animal Behaviour and Wildlife Conservation student internship opportunities by the British Ecological Society. Professor Andy Tattersall and Sarah Dalrymple are aware. Further information to be released in the spring.

For more information please contact the World of Work Careers Centre, tel: 0151 231 8099

Name Change – Science Placement and Employability Panel (SPEP)

Within the new committee conventions, a 'Group' is only temporary and so SPEG (Science Placements and Employability Group) will now officially be renamed as 'Science Placement and Employability Panel'.

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Should you have any information you wish to feed back to the Science Placements and Employability Group, good practice you would like to share or any input with regard to the items mentioned above please contact your School Representative or Katie Lawrence.

Date of the next Science Placements and Employability Group Meeting: **TBC**