

Meeting Minutes: September 18, 2008

Second meeting – Career Fiesta Preparation

Ziyu Wang began the meeting by talking about upcoming events:

- ABLA's BBQ is on September 27th from 12:00pm-4:00pm at Kiwanis Park (Mill and Baseline). Admission is free. RSVP on the facebook event or email ABLA at asuabla@gmail.com if you are interested in going.
- The ABLA-HBSA Soccer Tournament is on October 4th and 11th from 1:00pm-6:00pm at the SRC fields. If you are interested in playing for the ABLA team, contact Aiwei Deng or email ABLA.
- The Intel Factory Tour is on September 29th from 12:00pm-4:30pm. Limited to 25 seats. Contact and send your resume to alex.varela@intel.com by September 24th if you want to go.
- Goldman Sachs is having an Open House on September 22nd from 11:00am-6:00pm in the Student Services Building in room 329.

The speaker for this meeting was Mr. Doug DeVoe from ASU Career Services. He talked about making the most of Career Fiesta.

- At Career Fiesta, companies may or may not take your resume. Some company representatives will tell you to apply online through ASU Career Services on which you should be registered. ASU Career Services website is <http://www.asu.edu/career>. Business cards can also be given to company representatives who will not accept your resume.
- Mr. DeVoe emphasized the networking potential of Career Fiesta. Networking is the best way to find jobs. Meeting company representatives is a good way to expand your list of contacts.
- Mr. DeVoe also said to be aware of the workplace culture. He suggested that you find a company culture that matches your personality rather than trying to fit your personality to a certain company's culture.
- While not necessarily directly related to Career Fiesta, Mr. DeVoe mentioned that when trying to get a job, you should be ready to negotiate your salary.
- One thing Mr. DeVoe suggested you could do is email the company representatives before and after meeting them at Career Fiesta. That way they see your name three times instead of just once.
- You can access the Career Fiesta schedule and the Sun Devil CareerLink, which lists all the companies attending Career Fiesta at the ASU Career Services website.
- Mr. DeVoe mentioned that the two biggest complaints employers had about students were:
 1. Students did not know anything about the company
 2. Students did not know where they fit in the organizationSome research on the company website and other resources can answer these questions.
- Mr. Doug DeVoe's parting advice was to smile, be friendly, be yourself, and have a firm handshake.

ABLA's next meeting is on October 2nd from 5:00pm-6:00pm in the MU in room 228. This meeting concluded with ABLA Pizza Time.