

2.6 Annual Report of Purdue University Student Chapter

2.6.1 Brief Explanation of the History of the Chapter and its Objectives

The International Council for Research Innovation in Building and Construction (CIB) student chapter at the School of Construction Management was established to foster innovation and research in the building and construction field. Its history can be traced back to recognizing the need to create a platform encouraging graduate students interested in construction management and related disciplines to actively engage in research, development, and community-building activities.

Chapter's Objectives:

1. **Supporting Graduate Students:** The primary objective of the CIB student chapter is to support graduate students within the School of Construction Management. It accomplishes this by providing networking opportunities, access to research resources, and mentorship from experienced professionals. Through these initiatives, the chapter enhances its members' educational journey and career prospects.
2. **Promoting Research and Innovation:** The chapter strongly emphasizes promoting research and innovation within the building and construction industry. It encourages students to participate in research projects, collaborate on innovative solutions, and contribute to advancing knowledge in the field. The chapter may organize seminars, workshops, and conferences to facilitate knowledge exchange.
3. **Community Engagement:** Beyond academic pursuits, the CIB student chapter actively engages with the community. This engagement may involve volunteering for construction-related community projects, organizing educational events for the local community, or advocating for sustainable building practices. By doing so, the chapter aims to positively impact the broader community.
4. **Professional Development:** The chapter is dedicated to the professional development of its members. This includes workshops on resume building, interview skills, and career guidance. Additionally, the chapter facilitates internship opportunities, site visits, and interactions with industry professionals to equip students with the skills and knowledge needed for successful careers in construction management.

In summary, the CIB Student Chapter at the School of Construction Management has a history of promoting research and innovation in building and construction. Its main objectives are to support graduate students, promote research and innovation, engage with the community, and facilitate the professional development of its members within the construction industry.

2.6.2 Completed and Upcoming Activities of the Chapter in the Current Year

The completed activities of the chapter in 2023 are as follows:

1. **Resume Review for Career Fair:** Prior to the career fair twice in academic year, the chapter hosted a resume review session. This session offered students the opportunity to have their resumes evaluated by professionals and receive constructive feedback to improve their chances of success during the career fair.

2. Career Advertisement: The chapter actively assisted students in finding the best job offers over the previous year by providing career advertisements and job search support. This initiative connected graduating students with suitable career opportunities in the construction industry, demonstrating the chapter's commitment to helping members launch their careers.

Upcoming Activities in 2023:

1. Resume Review for Career Fair: The chapter will host a resume review session in [February] before the career fair. This session will allow students to have their resumes evaluated by industry professionals and receive constructive feedback to improve their chances of success during the career fair.
2. Career Advertisement: The chapter will assist the students in finding the best job offers over the previous year by providing career advertisements and job search support. This initiative connected graduating students with suitable career opportunities in the construction industry, demonstrating the chapter's commitment to helping members launch their careers.
3. Research Symposium: Towards the end of the year, the chapter will organize a research symposium where graduate students can present their research findings and projects. This event will showcase members' academic achievements and foster academic collaboration within the chapter.

These completed and upcoming activities continue to demonstrate the CIB student chapter's commitment to supporting graduate students, promoting research and innovation, engaging with the community, facilitating professional development, and now assisting students with resume reviews for the career fair in construction management.

2.6.3. The Planned Activities for the Chapter in the Upcoming Year

1. Resume Review for Career Fair: The chapter will host a resume review session in [September and February] before the career fair. This session will allow students to have their resumes evaluated by industry professionals and receive constructive feedback to improve their chances of success during the career fair.
2. Career Advertisement: The chapter will assist the students in finding the best job offers over the previous year by providing career advertisements and job search support. This initiative connected graduating students with suitable career opportunities in the construction industry, demonstrating the chapter's commitment to helping members launch their careers.
3. Community Outreach Project: The chapter members will participate in community support by organizing a blood donation event. We did that before, and we are aware of how to organize it.
4. Research Symposium: Towards the end of the year, the chapter will organize a research symposium where graduate students can present their research findings and projects.

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2.6.4 Contact Information of the Executive Members of the Chapter

The current president of the chapter, Elsayed Salem esalem@purdue.edu will graduate in this semester. We will conduct the election for the new members soon and keep you updated.