Horticulture

Meeting Date: Time:

External Participants: 15

Internal Participants: 8

greenhouse management, propagation, and bedding plants. Renovations of the ead ouse are almost complete.

- lant Sale: The 2022 lant Sale will be held in-person and online on ay 5th and ay 6th. The department is implementing a new ommerce platform, restashop which will be an improvement over the oogle platform used in 2021.
- ther: annabis and hemp production course is currently in progress and the program will have several students eligible for graduation in ay. Students will be licensed as gents through the llinois epartment of griculture. The program is one of three in the state currently being offered.
- II. Industry & Employer Discussion
 - Il employers indicated difficulty filling positions. Several of them have many job openings available. The ollege is willing to promote open positions through Workforce and ontinuing ducation as well as in the orticulture epartment.
- III. Curriculum & Student Outcomes
 - Reviewed recently approved changes to several orticulture degrees and certificates to reduce credit hours and improve acceleration and time to completion for students. ecause of this, students will be able to earn and stack several credentials as they work in the industry. any of the new pathways were developed for students to complete certificates within one year.
 - mployers shared input on the annual nterview ay which took place the morning of the advisory meeting. Reviewed the purpose of nterview ay as a prep to gain employment/internship, filling out job applications creating a portfolio, resume, and is a one credit course. mployers expressed that they enjoyed the new venue. mployers also expressed a desire to meet students earlier in their programs and conduct interview day earlier in the spring. s a result, the department suggested hosting a orticulture industry fair in the fall and moving nterview ay earlier to ebruary.
- IV. Work-based Learning
 - With the reduced credit hours employers stressed the importance of continuing to offer field studies opportunities to students. The suggestion is to maintain field studies courses to provide students with exposure to facilities like greenhouses, conservatories, and gardens so they can experience all facets of the orticulture industry.
- V. Next Meeting: