

Brown Bag Seminar a success

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The Brown Bag Seminar was initiated this past academic year for four major purposes. These purposes encompassed opportunities to:

- Allow our summer and fall semester co-op students to present about their experiences.
- Allow fellowship among our many and diverse students.
- Allow faculty and graduate students to present the results of their research.
- Engage in discussion and interaction in a venue different from the regular classroom.

The Brown Bag Seminar was held on the first Wednesday of each month at 12:05 pm. Participants and attendees were encouraged to bring their brown bag lunch and beverage to enjoy as part of the activity. Seventeen Cooperative Education students presented the results of their activities working with mentors in the field. The experiences ranged from creating graphics for UND's Studio One and Channel 13 to work as a manufacturing engineer at Bobcat, Inc. We also had great insight into the world of design and drafting as well as the world of wood furniture manufacturing. The presentations were very informative and well conceived. One graduate student presented the results to date of his research activities for the Master of Science in Industrial Technology degree. Each session attracted on average about 10 faculty and students. The follow-up questions provided enlightenment to all in attendance. Plans are being made to continue the Brown Bag Seminar next academic year.