

## Early Childhood Education Advisory Committee

Spring Meeting                  Jamerson Midtown Center

4/20/2017

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Present: Anne Ryan, Mary Ann Goodrich, Teri Statton, Barbara Scarsbrook, Debbie Barker, Angela Loring, Ann Hofmeister, Claudia Decker, Jackie Lang, Twanna Monroe, Gail Ramsdell, Joe Benavides and Miriam Larrea.
- b. Absent: Vikki Yates, Gino Cote, Sonia Meier, Susan Weber, Yvonne Malague, Carol Tinsdale
- c. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 08:10 A.M. by Angela Loring, Chair.
- d. New members: Anne Ryan introduced Joe Benavides, Career Specialist at SPC and announced new, student member Brooke Rittenhouse who is unable to be here today but will join us for the Fall meeting

### 2. Read and Approve Minutes: Minutes from the fall '16 meeting were read and approved.

### 3. Old Business:

- a. Marketing hoping to highlight Early Childhood Education: Anne presented the "New Community Model" link which appears on SPC's main website. This model promises to be more user friendly and to capture more audiences. It is another way to reach out and market the Early Childhood program more efficiently.
- b. Scholarship opportunities (JWB, City, ELC, and T.E.A.C.H.): Scholarships continue to be the same, no major changes here.
- c. ECE Student Study Group Thursdays 5-7PM Midtown Center and 4-6PM Clearwater on Wednesdays: This continues as usual. We are continuously looking for other ways to reach out to students who need the extra help.
- d. Update on B.S. Educational Studies/Preschool/Birth to Age Four: this program is fully online with the exception of the school-based-hours. It does not require pre-requisites for freshman students coming into the program.
- e. Hosting statewide college ECE meeting – September 28-29, 2016 on Downtown Campus
- f. Presentation to high school guidance counselors – June, 2016 This presentation went well.
- g. Outreach to high school CDA students – Spring, 2017
- h. Baby Talk and Storybook Village: This is more like a new business though it is under the "old business."

### 4. New Business:

- a. CETL Mini-grant 'The Shape of Things to Come': Anne talked about how cameras, iPads and technology in general are not the only way to engage children. She mentioned how this project "The Shape of Things to Come" has impacted young children when they are asked to observe illustrations in books, shapes and lines.

- b. COIL Project: We partnered again with the National University of Ireland/Galway. It was very successful and it was a great way to share teaching methods and ideas. Students focused on open-ended activities for young children. Curriculum and standards are very similar. We have started communication with other countries and hope to be able to expand this more internationally.
- c. Updates on Scholarships: Attended the state meetings in Tallahassee on 4/12 and 4/13. T.E.A.C.H. wants to support students all the way to Master's Degree. Students register through UNF and T.E.A.C.H. pays for courses. Teri Statton asked for flyer with information about this to share. Anne will scan and email it. FL complete – people out for a while and now coming back. T.E.A.C.H. participates in this project.
- d. Updates on Ed Studies/Preschool Education and Youth Studies and Community Leadership: Anne specified the official name is now “Bachelor of Science in Educational Studies and Community Leadership” – This program has been revamped but continues to offer the Educational Studies Preschool B.B. Degree. The three education pre-requisites are no longer required to get into this program. Students must have an AA degree with a minimum 2.0 GPA. T.E.A.C.H. will continue to fund students interested in pursuing this program.
- e. ELC Conferences again on SP/Gibbs Campus; Infant/Toddler 10/21/17 and ECE 1/27/18: The keynote speaker for this conference will be Keith Phelps. The topic will be Toddler Development. Hope for a big turnout, the last time we had 150 people.
- f. Community Involvement: ‘Play Unplugged’ community event where students volunteered. Discussed challenges of involving students in community/volunteer events when they have many work/family responsibilities and sometimes additional part-time jobs.
- g. Student interest in creating a ‘community of practice’ surrounding STEM/STEAM – potential use of new Bay Pines facility. Gail asked if this was open to teachers and community. Anne responded yes. Anne also said, the Bay Pines facility is scheduled to be open this summer.
- h. Education Community update – preview Facebook/Workplace: A lot of times students come into SPC and they do not know what program they really want to pursue. For example, students talk about being in the Business Administration Program – but what does that mean? Each of our programs have multiple choices. The Communities site allow students to explore the different areas and options they have. Anne asked Advisory Members to look at the flyer within their meeting folder and to share it with others so they get informed specifically about the Education Programs available within the College of Education. Starting with the CDA, Teacher Certification Programs and Associate Degrees which lead to a Bachelor's Degree. Additionally, Anne, informed there will be an event to highlight the Communities in June 8, 2017 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. @ Clearwater. Anne will send the specifics via email.
- i. Addressing textbook costs: Anne contacted the book representatives and is working on getting loose-leaf editions. Some books are going to be customized. The cost of books is sometimes over \$200.00. Some editions change for small wording changes or chapter order changes within the book. The main purpose is to make them more affordable for students. Will move into loose-leaf editions whenever possible

5. **Community Sharing:**

- a. Mary Ann Goodrich provided information about the Early Childhood transition to Kindergarten Education. The standards for birth to five are being revised and meetings have been set up to help with this endeavor. Standards will be aligned with Head Start Standards.
- b. Angela Loring and Gail Ramsdell will focus on the transition VPK - Kindergarten. Angela states meetings have been held with Directors of preschools and a 'pilot' group will use the new, Transmission forms to assist Kindergarten teachers with information to assist child's transition.
- c. Barbara Scarsbrook announced that Head Start will not long be a year round program but LSF will have 'bridge' programs this summer. Early Head Start continues to be year round.
- d. Debbie Barker shared there was a major meltdown in the system that affected the pre-service requirements. It was impossible to match student transcripts and license numbers. There were over 200 calls per day. System was on and off. Students could not see anything. However, system problems are now resolved and Licenses show okay as of 03/30. Everything is back to normal.
- e. Joe Benavides says he is glad to attend these meetings because he can now see better how he can help in the Early Childhood and any related areas. He attends different events and will make certain to address this program with every community he touches.

6. **The Fall Meeting** date, time and location TBD

7. **Meeting Adjourned** at 9:30 A.M.

Minutes submitted by Miriam Larrea