

## Sign Language Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 18 2018

Clearwater Campus LA 109

### *I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS*

- *Meeting called to order:* 5:45 pm
- *Board Members Present:* Brittany Andrews, Jay Burkey, Dr. Martha Campbell, Justin Rice, Lisa Rose, Tyrae Howard, Rosa Rodriguez, Yary Sewell, Vicky Fales\*
- *Board Members Absent:* \*Vicky Fales attempted to Skype in to our meeting, but the reception failed. Rachel Gotte, Dr. Michael Poulin,
- *SPC Attendees:* Dean Joseph Leopold, Marika Robinson, Mike Henry, Carol Downing, Dr. Beth Carlson

### *II. Approval of minutes from Thursday, November 9th 2017*

Motion to approve minutes:

Dr. Martha Campbell, seconded by Rosa Rodrigues

### *III. Old Business*

Comprehensive Academic Program Review (Tabled due to time)

### *IV. New Business*

*Introductions from the board members:*

Each new board member described their affiliation in the community and with the new SPC board. Several board members were graduates of the SPC SLIP program, and/or had served in other capacities with the SLIP program. Information was shared about their experiences.

*Question and answers about the Sign Language Interpreting Program changes Bachelor's Degree and AA Transfer plan:*

Tyrae Howard was not aware that a new Bachelor's degree at SPC is now being offered. Dean Leopold described the programs which include an [American Sign Language Studies A.A. transfer plan](#) for students who want to pursue the Educational Interpreting sub plan that leads to SPC's [Bachelor of Science Degree in Educational Studies and Community Leadership](#). Rosa Rodrigues opened discussion on more promotion of the A.A. transfer plan in ASL Studies leading to the bachelor's degree.

Lisa Rose shared her experiences with the University of North Florida and the promotion of their program. All board members agreed that program promotion and the creation of flyers to be

disseminated in the community was particularly critical. Brittany Andrews and Justin Rice were happy to share flyers widely as were other board members.

Our final discussion came from Lisa Rose. As president of the Florida Association of the Deaf (FAD), Lisa reported that there will be a Town Hall meeting at the FAD meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup> regarding sign language interpreters as a top concern in Florida. Florida does not have regulations regarding on the certification of interpreters or penalties to be imposed when unqualified interpreters work. Several bills will be proposed that sign language interpreters must be certified to work. Even though Florida has the third largest population of deaf individuals and is one of the most populated states with sign language interpreters; unfortunately, it is one state without needed regulations. Although there have been several legislative bills proposed that require interpreters to be certified, none have survived. This discussion continued but had to be tabled due to the time. Lisa Rose promised an update after the FAD meeting.

*Update on NIC Testing:*

Of the 11 students who took the NIC testing offered by SPC in the A.S. degree plan, eight passed. The 85% passing rate is considered good, although we have had 100% passing rates in the past.

*Continued need for more INT faculty:*

Dean Leopold and Dr. Martha Campbell discussed the difficulties of obtaining qualified INT faculty. In order to teach in the bachelor's program, faculty must possess minimum of a master's degree in field. We are hopeful as two of our outstanding faculty members, Vicky Fales and Anthony Verdeja, are currently working to obtain their master's degree.

*V. Plan Next Meeting (Fall 2018)*

There has not been a fall meeting.

*VI. Adjournment:*

Dr. Martha Campbell called for a motion to adjourn at 6:45. The motion was seconded by Yary Sewell. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.