

ECE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
10/26/2016

Members Present: Venuta Dailey, Nadirah Jones, Christie Speck, Susan Smith, Sabrina Drake, Amy Obegi, Tony Ayala, Jeanette Luedders, Diane Altman, Tasha Smith

Meeting began at 4:36 PM

- I. Approval of agenda: Tony added CDFS 101/102/105/501 to the list of deletions under Section V. A. b. Sabrina approved and second by Christie.
- II. Minutes approved by Amy, second by Christie
- III. Introductions
- IV. Discussion items

30th Annual Conference - 120 tickets sold (¾ sold online 24 people paid for the late registration). 112 turned in an evaluation with 99% positive feedback. Workshops were all rated well, but there were complaints that there was no coffee or breakfast. People really liked the shorter day. There is question as to whether there will be a conference next year due to changes with the SNAEYC who have assisted with the cost in the past.

CAP – TK 24 unit for TK classes. Only a handful of counties are using this criteria. They are pushing a lot of 1 unit classes that correlate with the foundations. In Solano county there is no requirement as to what 24 units you should take. It was not agreed that creating a 24 unit program for TK teachers would be prudent. Especially since most teachers in the county have been grandfathered in, and are not being required to take the units even though there is reimbursement for them.

Scholarship – no scholarship this year due to dwindling account. There needs to be a way to increase those funds and decide what to use the money on. Use it as seed money for a practicum scholarship? Add the CDFS department as a program you can donate to through the foundation.

The Evelyn Elson scholarship has ended at the direction of the family

Needs of the community - more jobs than employees, hard time for employers to find qualified employees. Last couple of years have had low attendance for CFDS 62 and this year enrollment is higher. This could be promising. Many reasons for there being fewer prospective students. Tony is rewriting the Admin/supervision class as a hybrid class. Nadirah Jones, June Regis, Kathy Lago, Audrey Montgomery are people that should be added to a list serve to get specialty classes to staff (challenging behaviors)

College program report – The College has asked the department to not grow right now. Sections are down. Curriculum courses are not required for AST degree. Enrollment is low.

Working hard to time and sequence classes to help students to be able to take all the classes they need. Online courses are 38/40/70 and working on getting 50 online. 39 (school age) has been deleted from the catalog. Accreditation wanted us to have a clean catalog. If there is no plan to teach a class within 2 years, it should be deleted.

12 unit Certificate update – While the degree paperwork was completed in a timely manner by Tony Ayala and approved by, the curriculum was approved by the College governing board in May, it was not immediately sent to the Chancellor's office by college administration/curriculum office. It has been sent to the chancellor's office for approval. Should be listed in the Fall 2017 schedule/catalog.

Undergoing curriculum review – can do a waiver for the spring for 52 so that any interested student can enroll.

SCC ELC – Was a pilot for QRIS and achieved tier 4 status receiving a cash award and a certificate. Working with Tony as the practicum instructor for the first time. Closed last fiscal year in the black. Will be implementing Center Trak as a management tool and CSI is helping us purchase parent square for parent participate/contact. We will also be using learning genie for DRDP tracking.

Mentor – During the conference Tony had several people that said they were interested in becoming Mentors. His goal is to add 3 mentors this fall. He created some flyers he would love to share to assist him to grow the program. He will recruit for mentor directors also if there is interest.

CDTC – Last year was the 1st time the contract was not fully earned. It was 8 units short. Low enrollment is a factor for earning this contract. Permit requests seem a bit lower. The training portal continues to be a good resource for students.

Solano First Five – no report

SFCS – Children's Nurturing Project closed last month leaving Help Me Grow homeless. It is now under SFCS. Kathy Lago is now the executive director. They are doing some hiring, mostly employees from CNP

CSI – CSI is opening more sites, but having a hard time finding I/T teachers. They have been growing their own I/T courses for their employees. Due to four years olds being in short supply this school year, they have converted funds to serve more I/T. They still have some licensing hurdles to overcome at Kidder and Beck. Still hiring for staff. Involved in QRIS in Napa and Solano County.

SNAEYC – SNAEYC does not meet the requirements to be a chapter, but could be a satellite. They would have to dissolve their nonprofit status. They may just choose to disband entirely. Either way they will not be able to be a fiscal sponsor for the conference. They will have a

meeting in January to decide. There are currently less than 50 members. There is some discussion of a creating a much larger group (bay area).

SAC STATE – This fall is the first BA cohort program in child development. There are 21 students enrolled. More students were interested, but they suggested a few stay to complete more GE before they try to apply again in 2018. Sac State will attend more grad events next more for recruitment. Amy suggested that the counselors know about the program so that they can counsel the students better and advertise for the program. Class meets TTH night from 6:30- - 9:30.

Solano County licensed family childcare association – no report

Solano QRIS update – no report

CCCECE update – region 3 meeting at Merit College November 4th. Paulette Perfumo did a nice STEM presentation recently. Permit update – there have been updates to the matrix recommended. There won't be any changes to credentials. Assistant Teacher Level Permit would dissolve. Some program are still struggling with the new immunization requirement for student observers.

Solano county library update – no report

Next meeting March 21st at 4:00 PM