

MINUTES

Early Childhood Education Advisory Committee Meeting

Date | time 3/31/2017 8:00 AM | Meeting called to order by Sandee Plescia

In Attendance

Members Present:

Jami Nguyen— Executive Director, Land of Learning

Tina Holtz— ECE Program, DeKalb High School

Members Absent:

Internships/Student Teaching Update

Sandee reports having one student enrolled in ECE 281 and she is interning at NIU Campus Child Care. Sandee recently met with a corporate representative of KinderCare because they are interested in creating an internship program and would like to partner with Kishwaukee College.

Sandee is expecting to have 6-7 internship students for the first section in Fall 2017.

ACTION ITEM: Sandee will contact LaCretia Konan, Director of Business and Training Partnerships, to investigate further internship opportunities.

Program Updates

Spring 2017 Portfolio Report:

There is only one Spring 2017 Portfolio as there is only one student graduating this semester. Sandee reports that this is the best portfolio she has seen in 20 years of teaching. Sandee distributes the blank rubric she used for grading this portfolio.

Joanne confirms that this portfolio demonstrates how well the students are learning the content in the courses.

Summer/Fall Advising:

Sandee reports working on Summer and Fall advising over the past few weeks.

Marketing Summer/Fall Classes:

Sandee passed around the flyer created by the Marketing Department for Summer ECE Courses and reports currently working on a new flyer for Fall 2017.

Additional ECE Course will be offered online Fall 2017 (ECE 210 The School Age Child)

Sandee reports that offering some online classes is beneficial for students who have difficulty with scheduling and being on campus everyday so this should assist with that concern. The committee expresses value in on campus courses because of the hands on experience that is missed with online courses.

Joanne suggests investigating hybrid courses to compromise where there would be some online course but still include hands on classroom time.

To expand further on the scheduling concern, Sandee sees an obstruction with student teaching being 5 days a week with 3 hour shifts and considers doing longer shifts with less days per week. Jami is hesitant to accept this because student teachers would not be getting as much hands on experience if they are present during primary drop off/pick up times and nap time.

Proposed ECE Professional Behavior Policy

Sandee has created a new ECE Professional Behavior Policy and provides a handout of the proposed policy to committee members. Committee is pleased to see this updated policy and appreciates knowing the standards to which the students are being held to while in school.

New Professional Behavior Policy is approved by a unanimous vote by committee.

Tina introduces new state law that is being practiced by high schools in the state regarding behavior policies.

Essentially, behavior issues including attendance, are being addressed on a case-by-case method rather than blanket policies. This may impact the expectation of students regarding professional behavior and attendance in years to come at the college level.

Sandee asks Jami if Land of Learning has an attendance policy for employees. Jami reports that Land of Learning has implemented a policy although it is in place for employees who have routine and significant attendance issues.

Industry Recognized Certifications

Sandee reports changes to Gateways ECE Credential is effective as of 1/1/2018 which creates a need to realign the entire curriculum to meet these new Credentials. Sandee provides a handout which outlines the