



**Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Childhood Education Department Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 8, 2018**

Present: Dean Chris Gold, Cheryl Kroll, Michelle Moen, Jennifer Montgomery, Janet Young, Brittany Wilson, Janice Jefferis, Paul Harley, Shanthi Tharuvai, Hoa Pham, and Pam West-Lee

CDEV Club Updates

- While Cynthia Cervantes (the CDEV Club advisor) is on leave this semester, Jen, Michelle, Janice, and Allyson Steiner-Dowling have been filling in on supporting the club. The club requested that they be permitted to wear identifying cords during graduation. The Dean spoke with the VPAA who denied the request because identifying regalia during graduation is reserved for only five specific programs (i.e. FYE, EOPS, MESA, etc.). At this time, the college is not approving identifying regalia for disciplines.
- Monthly Mommy and Me events are offered on the first Saturday of the month in collaboration with Connections for Children. The next event is on Saturday, May 5th.
- Collaboration with C.A.R.E. event – “Parent’s Day” – is scheduled for Saturday, May 12th. The CDEV club will be helping with Parent’s Day, which will be held in the Student Activities Center. The club is working well on the details and distributing responsibilities.
- CPR/First Aid Training will be held on Saturday, May 26th, 9am-5pm. A retired paramedic and certified trainer, Vince Dipane, will be presenting at this grant funded event for 20 CDEV students. The CDEV club, along with Michelle, is in charge of this event.

Fall Programming

- Fall Conference – Save the Date: Saturday, November 17, 2018. The conference will be held the weekend before Thanksgiving. This has been a successful time in the past. The department reviewed several possible topics for the conference and agreed upon “Teaching Math and Making it Count.” A handout with possible conference workshops was discussed.
- Fall workshops. The department discussed possible fall workshop topics, including:
 - Gender identity with the presenter, Shaun-Adrian Chofla, who is a terrific workshop leader. He would need to be paid, and Janet will check the budget.
 - Permit Party. Janice will help with this workshop. Participants will be given a certificate of attendance.
 - Transition Workshop. Jen mentioned that many CDEV students seem to struggle with the concept of how to facilitate transitions with children.
 - First Aid/CPR. If there is funding, this training might be nice to repeat in the fall (again) since first aide/CPR is a requirement for many people working in Early Childhood Education.

Workshops/Events

- The Business of Family Child Care was held on Saturday, March 17th. This workshop is offered every 1½-2 years. It is directed towards students who are interested in opening their own center. Catherine Scott was this year’s presenter again. It was a well-attended, successful workshop.

- Ways to Support Children with Special Needs and Their Families was held on Thursday, April 19th. Stacey Clark-Smith presented at this event. One third of the attendees were CDEV 108 (Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children) students, because they are required to attend a professional development workshop for the class. It was also attended by several Practicum students who are urged to attend, in part to gather professional development certificates for their portfolio. Other CDEV students and community members were also in attendance.
- Connections for Children offers regular workshops on Thursday nights at El Camino College. They are co-sponsored by the CDEV department and are open to students and community members.
- Children's Day was held on Saturday, April 28. This was a successful, fun event with lots of children.
- Compton is sponsoring an ECE/Stem Conference on May 25th from 8am-1pm.

Promoting the Program Administration CDEV Classes (CDEV 129/130/131)

- More directors are needed in the field. The Administration classes also support teachers who are asked to step in when directors are absent. It also makes teachers more well-rounded. It has been hard to fill the face-to-face administration classes, so they have been only offered on-line lately. The department would like to try again in spring (2019) and will encourage students in fall to enroll in the class. The course could also be promoted with flyers sent to the CDEV students as well as local preschools.

Video Library

- Four new Learning Seed videos have been added to the video library. We also acquired "My Flesh and Blood," an excellent video about a woman who adopted several children with special needs.

New Dance Teacher Certificate

- The Fine Arts Division is creating a Dance Teacher Certificate and notified the CDEV faculty that CDEV 117 (Music and Movement for Young Children) will be included in the menu of options for the certificate. The faculty were pleased to be consulted and reminded Fine Arts faculty that CDEV 117 has a prerequisite of CDEV 103. Inclusion of CDEV 117 in the Dance Teacher Certificate may grow enrollment in the course. Two sections are typically offered each spring.

Child Development Training Consortium Update

- In the past, the department has been awarded stipends for 800 units. This year we received 900, for a total of \$22,500 in funding. \$20,500 goes directly to students and \$2,000 is spent on materials and supplies. We hope to be awarded 900 units again next year. We offered stipends to students in winter (2018) for the first time. Only 25 units were funded, but it did serve some students.

TEACH El Camino (Bringing Back the Teacher Education Program)

- Cheryl Kroll will be returning as the coordinator for the TEACH/Teacher Education Program. She will be a 50% coordinator and may work on special assignment in the fall. The position is grant funded. The TEACH program targets teaching at all levels – preschool through adult learners. The department is excited to have Cheryl return.

Practicum Classes Update

- Since the AST made the practicum a requirement, demand has increased, and Janet has been overenrolling the class. This is a challenge since students need to be placed in area centers. A summer section of the practicum is being offered, and it is already full. This section may result

in “catching-up” on the demand and perhaps ongoing additional sections won’t be needed. We will monitor to see if we need to permanently grow the number of sections.

Adult School Non-Credit

- Janet has been working on creating two ESL adult school classes that will prepare ESL students for success in our CDEV classes. A teacher will be embedded into CDEV 103 and CDEV 104 to help support the students in this path.

SLOs and Assessment

- The department is doing a great job of completing assessments. Some follow-ups still need to be completed.

Curriculum

- CDEV Curriculum is all up-to-date. Janet will keep the department informed of necessary reviews in the fall. Currently they are working towards CID approval for a Child Health and Safety course.

Mentor Program

- Jennifer handles the Mentor Program. There were 9-12 placements this semester. We have two new mentors – one with ECC and one with Compton. The mentors receive a stipend.

5-Week and 8-Week/Saturday Classes

- Janet taught a 5-week winter session class. Most students reported that they liked the pace and the condensed schedule kept them focused. The department would like to consider offering more 8-week classes. It may be easier for students to focus on and complete two back-to-back 8-week classes rather than two consecutive 16-week classes. Students have expressed interest in reviving the Saturday classes, which had strong enrollment in the past. The Compton CDEV program tried Saturday classes at the request of students, but the classes were low enrolled.

Counseling Report

- Cheryl Kroll reported that a “Transferring in Spring” workshop will explain which universities are open for applications in spring 2019 and how to apply. The workshops are offered on May 16th from 4-6pm in the Alondra Room and May 31st from 1-3pm in ITEC 219. She asked faculty to invite their students who are transferring to the Annual Admit Reception on June 12th from 2-4:30pm. Finally, from June 12-July 11, we will be accepting applications for summer graduation.

The Dean commended and thanked the department faculty for all their work on behalf of our students. The department does an amazing amount of work beyond their regular teaching load. Our CDEV students benefit enormously from all their efforts.

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