

**Child Development Department Meeting
September 16, 2009**

NOTES

Present: S. Baxter, M. Moen, J. Montgomery, J. Young

Meeting began at: 11:30 a.m.

Enrollment Update

The faculty reported that they had quite a few no-shows at the start of the semester but were able to add students in their place. Class enrollments were strong and the only low enrolled course was M. Moen's Child Development 119. The combined practicum class (Cdev 125, 126 and 169) had nineteen students (out of a combined maximum of 25).

Student Learning Outcomes

M. Moen is the department's coordinator for SLOs. There are very few courses without SLOs: the Mentor Program series, Cdev 111 (Pediatric CPR) and the new practicum Cdev 125. They should be completed this semester. M. Moen also reported that assessments are being worked on by the department.

Program Review

The department is scheduled for program review in 2012-2013. The faculty inquired if Compton should be incorporated into the next self-study. The dean will follow-up with Barbara Jaffe.

Plan Builder

G. Miranda reported that she will soon begin next year's planning process and will have the department look at last year's plan for updates, changes, or new recommendations.

SCROC Articulation

J. Young discussed updating the current SCROC articulation. SCROC has redesigned their course and therefore J. Young would like the department this semester to redesign the assessment tool. The aim of this exercise would be to better align SCROC with Child Development 103. In the past, very few SCROC students passed the credit by examination for CDEV 103.

Department Activities

M. Moen is spearheading the department's Children's Day and Story Hour programs this semester. Children's Day is scheduled for October 10th and Story Hour will be held on November 6th.

Child Development Training Consortium

S. Baxter reported that ECC has received the same number of units as last year--\$27,500; and wishes to submit the budget as soon as possible. She asked if the department would be comfortable increasing the supply budget from \$500 to \$1000 in order to purchase textbooks

for the Teacher Resource Room. It was also suggested that some of the textbooks could be placed in the Library.

J. Young added that SEEDS might be able to contribute some money for this purpose as well.

S. Baxter asked for confirmation of the annual advisory dinner date. She stated that it has been a two year long struggle to develop a uniform gathering of advisory committee members. The spring 2009 meeting was held in Compton but did not work out well. S. Baxter will work on improving turnout for the spring meeting.

Both S. Baxter and J. Montgomery will attend the October 1st meeting in Sacramento for the Consortium and the Mentor Teacher program.

Mentor Teacher Program

J. Montgomery reported that we are now operating as a region. There are 12 mentors between El Camino and Compton. She expects the program to grow since it was funded this year.

On October 24th she will be hosting a Director-Mentor information session at El Camino for the southern region.

SEEDS

The program was funded again this year. J. Montgomery stated that there was no need to recruit for more participants since there are sufficient numbers; the focus will now be on those participants in the program. Two trainings are scheduled for this semester: Foundations and Working with English Language Basics.

Permit sessions will continue off-campus.

J. Young reported that she is working with CSUDH to develop an early teaching and learning option within Liberal Studies for SEEDS students wishing to continue their education there. The goal would be for those who transfer to obtain their B.A. in Liberal Studies with the early teaching and learning option.

NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children)

M. Moen attended the NAEYC conference board meeting and reported that the forthcoming NAEYC conference on November 21st should be promoted to Cdev students; in particular, she requested encouraging students to become members.

Student Letters of Recommendation

M. Moen inquired if the department found her form for student letters of recommendation acceptable and all agreed that it is valuable in preparing support statements for students.

Summer Curriculum Classes

The department discussed the problems with scheduling curriculum classes in summer in two hour daily formats. S. Baxter explained that it is insufficient time for students to, first learn theory, and next, to apply in their projects the concepts. The dean will work on an alternative schedule for curriculum classes for summer 2010.

Other

G. Miranda reported that the Child Development Center has requested an increase for fees; M. Moen stated that she will continue to conduct story telling at the center twice monthly.

The department discussed concerns about Baby Day activities given the expected severe flu season. J. Young recommended not having Baby Day on campus this semester; G. Miranda concurred.

The department will be working on a special education grant proposal.

The department faculty also expressed the desire to work more closely with P. West at the Compton Center. To that end, they would like to meet next at the CEC, perhaps joining the center's Cdev meeting or with P. West and Dean Morris. G. Miranda will follow-up.

Meeting adjourned at: 12:30 p.m.

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