

MINUTES
School of Education Meeting
Thursday, 3/25/10

Meeting commenced at 12:30 PM.

In attendance: Dr. Erin Harrel, Professor Elaine Schaeffer, Dr. William Dwyer, Dr. Christy Duda, Professor Peggy Van Voorhis, Professor Joyce Rollins

- I. Dr. Harrel welcomed the faculty and asked for discussion regarding successes and new ideas. Peggy Van Voorhis mentioned the great support for pennies for peace at Lexington Middle School. All IB schools will be going to UCF next Friday in support for pennies for peace.
- II. It was also recognized that the Reading Festival was very successful. There were over 20,000 attendees at the festival. Lee Bennett Hopkins support is increasing and thoughts of naming the new curriculum library after him for his support and contributions to Edison are being discussed.
- III. Professor Rollins is researching teacher bias and it has been noted as forward thinking in research at the state level. There is good possibility that this research could be recognized at the federal level as well.
- IV. Dr. Harrel reported that the School of Education Elementary Education students have an average GPA of 3.7. The secondary Science students have an average GPA of 2.9 and the secondary Math an average of 3.1. This solidifies the notion of student success in the School of Education at Edison.

FACILITIES

- V. The School of Education will move to building A on July 1, 2010 while waiting on the new U building to open. It is expected to open in December of 2010.
- VI. Faculty and staff need to make sure that their office is packed and labeled before the July 4th move date.
- VII. We will be working on scheduling summer classes in building A.
- VIII. Some of the new amenities that we will find in the new building, bldg. U, are a mail room, curriculum library, laptop computers on a cart for easy access and sharing capabilities. We will be on the 2nd floor which will be shared with E-learning.

MENTOR SUPPORT

- IX. Discussion was shared about obtaining and keeping mentor support in the school systems.
- X. It would be very beneficial if in the fall if many of the faculty in the School of Education could go out to the different schools and network with the mentor teachers. The faculty could encourage discussion between the teachers and the Edison faculty as to their needs and the teacher candidate's needs working together within the Co-Op model.

- XI. ACTION ITEM – create a memo and presentation for the lower division students and faculty explaining the bachelor program. Contact Jenny Caves for ideas and insight.
- XII. Collier and Charlotte County would like to start implementing some of the B.S program in the fall. A committee will be devised and decide how this transition will be the most beneficial to all involved.
- XIII. Student enrollment is up 3X. Because of the increase, the college has been awarded 10 extra faculty members. Faculty cannot take more than 2 overload classes averaging to 21hrs. max.
- XIV. All faculty must attend graduation. KDE will have a reception afterwards. Graduation will be at 7:30 on May 7, 2010.
- XV. The faculty and staff would like to convene every other month for a brain trust session. During this time we would discuss passions and significant issues affecting education today.