

MINUTES
School of Education Meeting
March 23, 2011

Meeting commenced at 2:00 PM

In attendance: Dr. Erin Harrel, Professor Elysha O'Brien, Professor Elaine Schaeffer, Professor Mary Robertson, Dr. Martin Tawil, Dr. Regina Miller, Professor Joyce Rollins, Dr. William Dwyer, and Barbara Miley.

- I. Dr. Harrel welcomed everyone and asked if there were any accomplishments to share. Professor Schaeffer stated that she attended and presented at an early childhood conference during the break. Professor O'Brien stated that the Reading Festival was held during the break and it was wonderful. Dr. Harrel stated that Drs. Walker and Browder recently visited Treeline Elementary and had the opportunity to meet one of our teacher candidates who could not say enough good things about our program. Dr. Harrel also stated that the principal had many good things to say about our teacher candidates.
- II. Professor Robertson stated that she feels EDF 2005 is too writing intensive and students are complaining that they are writing more for this class than their English classes. Dr. Harrel stated that we need to take a look at the class and see where we can make changes.
- III. Professor Rollins stated that we need to take a look at the textbooks for fall and decide if any changes need to be made. Barbara Miley stated that the "two year rule" only applies to textbooks that will be rentals.
- IV. Professor O'Brien stated that she has a student that she has been working with for awhile and she believes that this student is not an ideal teacher candidate. Professor O'Brien also stated that she is issuing a D-2 to the student for recent behavior and asked what the process is for a student to be removed from the program. Dr. Harrel stated that a meeting with the student is called the first time a disposition is issued; a meeting with Dr. Harrel is called the second time; and the student goes before a review board the third time a disposition is issued.
- V. Dr. Miller stated that the students are enjoying being involved with ArtFest.
- VI. Professor O'Brien stated that the Reading Festival was a big success. The attendance for the storytelling was better when the Edison students were on stage.
- VII. Professor Robertson stated that over 100 RSVPs have been received for Family Math Night.
- VIII. Dr. Harrel stated that her trip to Tallahassee was good. She discussed the changes that are occurring at the DOE and stated that Edison was recognized for already submitting the new standards and FEAPs. She also stated that student performance information (by institution) was shared.
- IX. Dr. Harrel stated that a Baccalaureate Student Coach has been requested for our department.

X. Professor Rollins discussed the difference between service learning and community service.

XI. Dr. Harrel stated that we need to be sure students are signing-in at their service learning projects and we need to develop a satisfaction survey.

The meeting concluded at 3:10 PM.

Minutes submitted by Barbara Miley