



School of Education
September 12, 2025, 1:00 p.m.
Department Meeting via Zoom

Present: Dr. Anne Angstrom, Dr. Sherry Blanset, Dr. Diane Brantley, Kathie DiLascio, Dr. April Fleming, David Koehler, Dr. Julia Kroeker, Dr. Regina Miller, Dr. Terri Ratini, Dr. Mary Robertson, Dr. Joyce Rollins, Dr. Kelly Ross, Dr. Angela Valuta.

Approval of minutes:

- April 11, 2025: Mary Robertson moved to accept the minutes of the April 11, 2025 School of Education Department Meeting minutes as circulated. Diane Brantley seconded the motion. All in attendance approved and the minutes of the April 11, 2025 School of Education Department meeting as circulated and placed on the Document Manager.
- August 8, 2025: Mary Robertson moved to accept the minutes of the August 8, 2025 School of Education Department Meeting minutes as circulated. Terri Ratini seconded the motion. All in attendance approved the minutes of the August 8, 2025 School of Education Department meeting as circulated and placed on the Document Manager.

Administrative Updates:

Dean April Fleming reported:

- Conference Updates: Anyone planning to request funding for conferences (PD funding or Departmental funding) must submit to April for approval. Please include agenda and a link to the conference website. If no agenda is available, send the agenda from last year's conference. Conferences cannot include DEI.
- Courses with FDOE: Call with FDOE rep on Monday. They will let us know if changes submitted are good or what we need to change if changes are needed.
- Study Abroad:
 - Tentatively scheduled for Spring Break 2026.
 - 28 students expressed interest.
 - April met with Heather in the Foundation Office about possible funding.
- Dr. Bilsky:
 - Renaissance Fair is being planned for Wednesday and Thursday before Spring Break 2026 on the Lee campus. If interested in Chairing the SoE booth, please let April know by September 19.

- New Chancellor is sending requests to State Colleges regarding celebration of 250 years of the Declaration of Independence. Any ideas for our celebration, please send to April by September 17.

Associate Dean Anne Angstrom reported:

- Anne acknowledged Terri Ratini's hard work on EDF 205 revisions.
- Anne acknowledged Sherry Blanset's work with Clewiston HS students in EDF 2005

Chair, Joyce Rollins reported:

- Team Building event on October 17 at Vino Picasso at 4:15 p.m. All are invited to attend.
- Attendance Verification Late Link:
<https://fsw.teamdynamix.com/TDClient/2031/Portal/Requests/ServiceDet?ID=54358>

TAP Coordinator Mary Robertson reported:

- 3 apprentices at Imagine North Port Elementary (kindergarten, second grade, third grade)
- September 3: First virtual connect session. Topic of Team Teaching
- September 10: First in-person visit/observation
- Every Tuesday, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. virtual office hours

Advising Update: David Koehler reported on ELED, ECE and general information:

- 2 student admitted and/or readmitted the BS ELED Program for Summer 2025
- 55 student admitted and/or readmitted the BS ELED Program for Fall 2025
- Followed up on all Spring 2026 applicants
- 4 students admitted for Spring 2026
- 28 ECE advising sessions
- 2 personalized FTIC sessions for new students
- 2 academic plans for ECE students for financial aid purposes
- Responded to emails
- Visited EDF 2005 classes
- Set up BS ELED orientations
- Discussed ECE challenges to becoming certified ELED teachers
- Discussed ELED challenges to admission to the ELED Program

Field Experience Update: Sherry Blanset reported:

- There are ZERO FE issues department-wide, everyone is in Anthology
- Job Fair is 10/10 from 10-12
- CT trainings tentatively scheduled in Lee in outlying areas, other markets saturated at this time

- Our data-driven teacher candidate appearance initiative, The Teacher Closet, is accepting donations of new and gently used teacher-appropriate clothing, shoes, and accessories starting Monday 9/15, students can start “shopping” 9/20
- Consistent pain point, wifi access in Lee County Schools, resolved. Look for an email with instructions. You will need to provide a picture of your driver’s license and your cell phone number.
- Last Spring, we began tracking data regarding each teacher candidate’s ability to take initiative with our foundations cohort in their field experience as a result of trends in final internship data.
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Z4vzhdlEeVvULhTIPV5Y6v3YVdmrUtu0AJvRqRAqQg/edit?usp=sharing>
- Initiative Moving Forward: Explicit Instruction on Initiative, reinforced in classes
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iGHlPpcpY37_zBmuQxkimNEZtO1s890FVbcLAXPdCLO/edit?usp=sharing

Committee Reports:

Academic Standards: Anne Angstrom reported:

- Committee will be working on updating the Faculty Handbook this Fall. The next committee meeting date is October 3.

Shared Governance: Anne Angstrom reported:

- The first meeting for AY 25-26 to be held September 25, 3:00-4:00 p.m. Dr. Bilsky sent email to all faculty on August 22 to encourage more faculty participation. She requested that you confirm your interest by sending an email to Jeanne.Cortes@fsw.edu no later than September 17. The topic for the September meeting will be “Academic Honesty/Dishonesty in the Age of AI”.

ATC: Regina Miller reported ATC met on September 5:

- New Online Certification course replaces Growing with Canvas and BWZ.
- Proctorio ends Spring 2025.

GEAC: Joyce Rollins reported:

- Will meet on September 19 at 10:00 a.m.
- Continue work on Writing Intensive requirements

OBOC: Joyce Rollins reported:

- Will meet on September 19
- Upcoming speaker Annabelle Tometich, local author of “The Mango Tree is planned at the end of September.
- Topic for next year: Stories

KDE: Joyce Rollins reported:

- Teacher Closet, Beach Clean Up, Monster Bash

- Induction: September 30

Faculty Senate: Julia Kroeker reported:

- Met on September 5
- Moving forward looking at revising the Senate bylaws

Curriculum Committee: Terri Ratini sent the following report:

- Curriculum Committee will meet on September 19

PD Committee: Kelly Ross reported

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- Committee met on September 5
- Reviewed applications for funding
- Discussed challenges with DEI goals for sponsoring organizations for conferences as well as conference topics.
- Be sure to include link to the sponsoring organization when requesting funding
- Late applications have been accepted for the October, November and December funding cycle
- Discussed the continuation of the Ancillary Fund

Academic Continuity Committee: Kelly Ross reported:

- Did not meet

ARC Review Committee: Kelly Ross reported:

- Did not meet

The general meeting was adjourned at 1:44 p.m. Breakout meetings followed.