



School of Education  
March 13, 2026 1:00 p.m.  
Department Meeting via Zoom

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

**Approval of minutes:**

- February 13, 2026: Mary Robertson moved to accept the minutes of the February 13, 2026 School of Education Department Meeting minutes as circulated. Diane Brantley seconded the motion. All in attendance approved and the minutes of the February 13, 2026 School of Education Department meeting as circulated and the minutes were placed on the Document Manager.

**Administrative Updates:**

Dean April Fleming reported:

- Commencement:
  - May 1, 2026
  - SoE will commence at 4:00 p.m. ceremony.
  - All Academic Offices closed for Commencement.
  - Kathie, David and Mary will work Commencement; Kathie and David will work all three ceremonies, Mary will work the first two ceremonies.
  - Joyce will carry the Gonfalon for all three ceremonies.
- Teach Talk:
  - March 31, 2026, 3:00 p.m. via Zoom
  - Four panelists, all alumni of our Program; three teachers, one administrator
  - Please invite current students.
- Golden Apple, Lee County:
  - April 24, 2026, 6:00 p.m., Caloosa Sound Convention Center
  - April and Joyce are attending. There are two seats available. If you would like to attend, please let Joyce or April know.
- Renaissance Faire:
  - Thank you to Diane and Angela for all their hard work. Also, thank you to KDE and SoE students for their participation.
- Faculty Searches:

- Joyce is chairing the search for the ESOL professor and Kelly is chairing the search for the Literacy professor.
- The committees will begin looking at applications in two weeks.
- Both positions will begin in August 2026.

Anne Angstrom, Joyce reported in Anne's absence:

- International Travel to Spain:
  - Anne and Terri are currently in Madrid, Spain with 10 students.
- Building Our Legacy event:
  - Thank you to Kathie for her assistance with the preparation of this event, and thank you to Joyce and Angela for their representation.
  - Janet Morris of LCSD has shared that the feedback from the event was overwhelmingly positive with student attendees appreciating the opportunity to learn from our students and faculty and tour of the campus.

Chair, Joyce Rollins reported:

- Textbook Update:
  - Text for Fall 2026 will be due in April.
- Attendance Verification reminder:
  - After the due date, the professor

TAP Coordinator Mary Robertson reported:

- Anne and Mary visited Imagine North Port on March 4, 2026.
  - They met with teacher apprentices and their mentors to discuss their progress in the program and to provide guidance and support.
  - They met with Principal Aleischa Coover and the new Executive Vice President of Imagine Schools, Susan Onori. They discussed the program and future collaboration opportunities.
  - They will meet with principals from Palm Beach and Broward counties on March 27, 2026 to recruit apprentices for next year's cohort.
  - Currently we have two apprentices confirmed and are working toward a goal of enrolling at least five apprentices for the upcoming cohort.

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

- 11 student admitted the BS ELED Program for Fall 2026
- Held 13 ECE advising sessions
- Followed up on Spring, Summer and Fall 2026 applicants
- Followed up on alt cert population
- Attended and presented at Advising Kick Off at Hendry Glades on 3/6/26
- Followed up with two individual remediation plans for Spring 2026
- Attended Transfer Fair on 3/3/26

**Field Experience Update:** Sherry Blanset reported:

- Spring "Future Fair"
  - formerly known as Job Fair, confirmed for Friday, March 27, 2026

- All districts confirmed
- Six Charter partners and three higher ed institutions committed
- School District of Lee County has sent \$200.00 sponsorship, Wawa committed to cases of water.
- Early Bucs and Internship Orientations were held and applications accepted. FE applications went to their districts.
- Spring CT contracts have been received from CTs at all levels, will go out for in-house signatures after spring break.
- Working with IT regarding automation of CT Contracts
- Working with IT regarding in house application development for EDF2005 Observation sign-ups for Fall implementation
- Fall CT Payments completed for all who have completed vendor application, only 6 have not been paid
- Lee MOU was approved 3/10, will go to our board for signature at next meeting. Collier, Sarasota, Glades MOUs still in process.
- Still working with Lee regarding Wi-Fi access, which we thought was already resolved.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### Academic Standards: Joyce Rollins for Anne Angstrom:

- Met on March 6, 2026: The committee reviews the updated language to the COP for 6A-14.092 that relates to Simple Syllabus content and deadlines. The committee also continued the review of language in the Faculty Handbook

#### Shared Governance: Joyce Rollins reported for Anne Angstrom:

- Did not meet

#### ATC: Regina Miller reported:

- Met on March 6, 2026 – Nothing new to report

#### GEAC: Joyce Rollins reported:

- Writing Across the Curriculum: Faculty Forum – Call for participation
- Student-Facing CREATIVE Documents
  - “General Education Makes you CREATIVE
  - “Talk About Your Degree: How to talk about your degree using CREATIVE”
  - “Resume Translation Language”
  - “Before you Graduate Self-Check”

#### OTOC: Joyce Rollins reported:

- Presentation on money, commerce and finance in Shakespeare’s plays on March 24, 2026, 3:00 p.m via Zoom, hosted by Dr. Juan Carlos Ginarte

#### KDE: Joyce Rollins reported:

- Induction held via Zoom
- KDE participating in Renaissance Fair

#### Faculty Senate: Julia Kroeker:

- **Sabatical Review Committee:**
  - Met February 27, 2026
  - Committee received applications from four individuals (Lenny Owens, Jamie Votraw, Brandi George and Michael Barach). They can only approve three.
  - Committee voted and made a decision which will now be submitted for approval by Administration.
- **Faculty Senate Executive Committee:**
  - Met on 3/6/26
  - Bruno Baltodano is the new President Elect.
  - Tim Bishop is stepping down as President at the end of the academic year.
  - Phil is being interviewed by attorneys hired by the College in an internal investigation.
  - If we find accommodation unreasonable (from Adaptive Services) we can object if it is not legally stipulated.
  - Katie O'Connor: We can revise self-evaluation forms for this year to include that we made courses accessible and revised syllabi (document extra work for salary negotiations).
  - Class size discussion: research how other colleges deal with courses being over the cap/extra pay.
  - Discussion for the need for mental health services on campus.

Curriculum Committee: Terri Ratini

- No report received

PD Committee: Kelly Ross reported:

- Met on March 6, 2026
  - Scott Ortolano updated the Newsletter to meet accessibility requirements.
  - Review of travel requests and ancillary fund disbursements occurred.
  - The committee has a new Canvas page to store documents and assist with functioning.
  - Minor revisions to the request for travel funds occurred.

Academic Continuity Committee: Kelly Ross reported:

- Committee did not meet.

ARC Review Committee: Kelly Ross reported:

- Committee did not meet.

The general meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m. Breakout meetings followed.

**ELED:**

- Pinning Award names
- Student names for Pinning Program: Student Reflection and Charge
- Annual Demonstration of Experience forms

**ECE:**

- Course reviews

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