



LOWER COLUMBIA COLLEGE 1600 Maple Street, Longview, WA 98632

Early Childhood Education ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, Oct. 30th, 2018 4:30 p.m. LCC Main Building, Room 148

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ann Williamson called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS & WELCOME

Ann Williamson, LCC

Josie Zbaeren, LCC

Megan Lamb, Kelso High School

Nikki Hemberry, Smart Start Learning Center

Kari Johnson, LCC Early Learning Center

Carmen McClain, ESD 112/Child Care Aware

James Murphy, Three Rivers Christian School

Sara Hegnes, Wee Care Day Care

III. REVIEW MINUTES

Minutes from Dec. 7th, 2017, and May 9th, 2018, meetings reviewed. Ann Williamson asked for correction to name of proposed bachelor's degree in December minutes; should be BAS in Teacher Education with Elementary Education Endorsement and Early Childhood Education Endorsement; typos corrected; Carmen McClain moved to approve; Sara Hegnes seconded. Committee approved. May 9th minutes approved as written by committee.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

a) Advisory Committee Roles & Responsibilities

Lynell Amundson, Workforce Education Manager at LCC, explained roles of members, chair and faculty; shared "Welcome to LCC Professional/Technical Advisory" document. Ann Williamson acknowledged importance of advisory committees to professional/technical programs; necessity of feedback and how employer input helps make LCC programs strong.

b) Select Committee Chair



LOWER COLUMBIA COLLEGE 1600 Maple Street, Longview, WA 98632

Role of chair defined and invitation for nominations or volunteer. Committee agreed to delay appointing chair until more information regarding role and responsibility is shared.

c) ECED/EDUC Program Overview

Ann - With passage of House Bill that created standards and requirement for paraeducators to work in the field, LCC used these standards to create new courses. Washington State's new requirements for initial hire as a paraeducator is: High school diploma plus 2 years college (72 credits), a two year degree, the completion of an approved Apprenticeship program or complete ETS paraprofessional test with ongoing continuing education hours every year. Funding for these new requirements is being requested in the upcoming legislative session due to unknown costs because of changes. Longview School District is a pilot district. Josie will be teaching. LCC is waiting to hear final rule before revising current one year Para-Ed certificate.

BAS update - Oct 13th state board approved offering degree; Nov. 29th full proposal presentation for PESB based on recommended modifications; Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, the accrediting body, will then look at program; LCC hopes to start first cohort Fall 2019/Winter 2020; funds available through Washington Scholars because of Early Childhood Endorsement.

Degree does not currently include Special Education endorsement so that LCC does not compete with other nearby colleges.

Committee discussion of degree pursuit without pursuing teacher certification - Why would they not want cert? Megan

Ann - they may want to stay in early childhood or Head Start setting. If early childhood and public school teachers are in the same class they begin speaking common language and can bridge gap that currently exists between two roles, improving success of children and families; field experience will differ.

Knowing you can do teacher cert or not will be huge for early childhood teachers - Sara

d) Enrollment Update

Enrollment document provided by Office of Instruction shared with committee. Enrollment down slightly; 52% of students that intend to come to school never get to their first class. Josie briefly explains Guided Pathways with META majors LCC is embarking on; takes time to improve programs at the community colleges



LOWER COLUMBIA COLLEGE 1600 Maple Street, Longview, WA 98632

e) *Labor Market Update*

Document shared with committee that gives snapshot of state and national trends.

f) *Member Recruitment, prospective members*

Carmen recommended family child care provider; May need to adjust meeting to 5 p.m. to encourage participation; Sara encouraged continuing participation of Department of Child, Youth & Families representative, important to have their

voice; recommend Special Education representative, suggest Megan Shea Bates, principal at Broadway School.

V. UPCOMING PROGRAM OR COMMUNITY EVENTS

a) *NEW BUSINESS:*

Committee discussion about class timing – evenings, days, online; James Murphy recommends 6:30 p.m.; Carmen recommends evenings and online or hybrid versions with combination of online and no more than once a week in class.

James expresses concerns regarding new licensing requirements and how that will affect ability of individuals to meet requirements; will classes be available often enough.

Ann suggests one year certificate review at spring meeting and inviting Power of Profession speaker to attend.

Cowlitz County Early Childhood Coalition meets regularly, if interested, lunch meeting every other month from Noon to 1; contact Ann.

Week of the Young Child, planning potential event, call attention to healthy children and families in Cowlitz

b) *NEXT MEETING:* Tuesday April 16th 5 p.m. Main 148

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 5:40 p.m. by Sara Hegnes.