REEDLEY COLLEGE

CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

**MINUTES**

April 28, 2017

Meeting opened at 12:30 p.m with lunch.

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introductions: members introduced themselves.
2. Review of Advisory Committee Duties/Packet: R. Swallow: Discussed duties of an Advisory Committee.
3. Program News
   1. Dual Enrollment: M. Davidson: gave department updates
      1. Dual enrollment—more offerings at local high schools including program with younger high schoolers;
      2. TK Certificate—start Fall 2018;
      3. Title V education grant—monies available for education transfer program;
      4. Discussed new offerings of an Administration certificate being designed now being offered in Fall 2018. This will include a cohort of CD 40A, CD 40B and CD 45 to be taught in 6 week sections over the course of one semester.
   2. Enrollment/Stats and Figures: N. Marsh discussed number of course offerings for Spring 2017.
   3. Certificates/Graduation: N. Marsh presented number of degrees and certificates granted last year; new number to become available later this May.
   4. SB277 Update: A. Barajas discussed how the new immunization law impact our students in lab classes—worked great this semester and should improve with future semesters.
      1. M. Davidson added to the discussion that the new law is subjective and many schools are still questioning who the law impacts, and that different schools are receiving conflicting information from the state on the new law. A discussion followed by members indicating that guidelines from the state need to be clarified.
   5. California Early Childhood Mentor Program: M. Davidson explained the program and discussed the number of mentor sites in our service area. It was highlighted that we have a new mentor teacher and that 51 students were able to utilize mentor sites in our area. Davidson put it out that new mentor sites are always being added.
   6. Child Development Training Consortium: M. Davidson discussed how the funding is divided now with Clovis Community College being separate from Reedley College and Madera. The number of students receiving the consortium grants is increasing. We received an additional $2250 this semester to support student stipends. The consortium also now has career incentive grants.
   7. Program Review: M. Davidson discussed the department goals identified by Program Review. It was highlighted that many of the goals have been existing for years, and that the department is continuing to keep them as valid to work toward. The committee was asked if there were other goals they would be interested in the department perusing. Members stated that an administration certificate is greatly needed in the community, and it was added that the certificate should be ready in Fall 2018.
   8. Department Updates: A. Barajas explained the number of lab students utilizing the center classrooms for their lab coursework and
4. Child Development Center News: A. Barajas—explained that the center again has received NAEYE accreditation. Barajas discussed the Nature Explore/Forest Service Outdoor Classroom Grant. The committee was asked to join us for the ribbon cutting ceremony on the outdoor classroom later that day.
   1. Reedley College Child Development Center
      1. Infant Classroom: M. Sweeney—discussed the things happening in the infant room.
      2. Toddler Classroom: A. Velasco—explained that although the IT yard was not part of the Outdoor Classroom grant, the teachers and donators have been working on updating the play yard into an outdoor classroom..
      3. Preschool Classroom: S. Murrietta—discussed that the preschoolers have been busy working on making robots. The children haven’t been allowed to be on the yard because of the construction, however, this has given them the opportunity to explore the IT yard and the campus. The children are very anxious to get onto the new outdoor classroom. Murrietta also discussed the
   2. Nature Explorer: Outdoor Classroom Project Completion
5. OER Grant: A. Taintor—explained what OER is about and that CD is putting eleven (11) courses on OER for Fall 2017. Discussed that a Z-Degree (zero cost degree) online so that our students can graduate with a degree that doesn’t cost for textbooks and materials.
6. Community & Agency News
7. Advisory Committee Input/Feedback: R. Swallow opened a discussion up for what the department can do for the community.
   1. It was asked if the students could have more hands-on classroom training with different tools students will actually use in the field. M. Davidson explained that we have CD 20, CD 37A, and CD 37B were students have the opportunity to use those tools, but they are advanced courses.
   2. CSUF asked if we could advise students on another course to take at our level that meets a prerequisite for their major program. Many students are transferring without one of the classes and they then have to take that one class at Fresno State before being able to take the other major classes.
   3. Discussion on the using the Teaching Pyramid training as another helpful tool for teachers. It is a program that would be helpful for students.
   4. Bill 258 was passed and are hoping to have the government sign. Gives Fresno County subsidies for child care, impacting 1300 children.
   5. Early Stars is growing, increasing number of sites and looking for partnerships.
8. Adjournment at 1:32
9. Tour of Outdoor Classroom & Ribbon Cutting Event to follow.
10. Next Advisory Meeting on Friday, December 8, 2017 at 12:30 in CCI 208