

MINUTES

Early Childhood Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date 12/14/18 | time 12/14/2018 8:00 AM | Meeting called to order by Chase Budziak Room B-1234

In Attendance

Chase Budziak — Dean KC
Jud Curry — Associate Dean KC
Joanne Kantner — Vice President, Instruction KC
Steve Kimmel — Director, Kish ECC
Maria Lombardo — Instructor ECE center
Tina Holtz — Teacher, DeKalb High School
Jami Nguyen — Director, Land of Learning
Katherine Yunek — H/E Student Worker, Recorder

• Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve Fall 2018 Minutes. No opposition.
Fall 2018 minutes are approved.

• Enrollment Report

An update was provided showing ECE program enrollments and graduates from 2015 through 2018

• Program Updates and discussion

- Review of ECE curriculum changes
 - Committee members shared their concerns that the decision to eliminate the ECE AAS degree and some courses came too suddenly in spring 2018 and without adequate time to consider other alternatives
 - Committee members identified structural program issues that should be considered for future growth of the ECE program, including: the need for more evening and/or hybrid courses; the use of 4-C (Community Coordinated Child Care) location as alternate course site; the adjustment of some course caps to avoid blocking student registration; more recruitment from/coordination with DKHS and KEC dual-credit courses
 - There was discussion about suspending rather than eliminating the AAS degree for ECE
 - Dr. Kanter would initiate contact with other area CCs for course options for ECE students wishing to complete an AAS following completion of teach-out
- Spring advising – Jud reported that her and Julie Oberheim (academic advisor) were working closely with current ECE students to track them toward completion of AAS if possible
- Marketing spring courses – Similarly, email and phone outreach to all current ECE students to publicize spring 19 courses
- ECE staffing and scheduling – Jud noted need for new instructors for ECE 281 and 223

- Industry Recognized Certifications

No updates

- Curriculum

- Jud reported that the decision had been made not to remove any ECE courses from the KC catalog during the remaining semesters of the teach-out plan for the AAS. This would allow for future offering of courses or individualized instruction, if needed to assist students completing degree.

- **Next Meeting**

Next Meeting Date: Tentatively March 2019 (Friday AM)

Meeting adjourned 9:00 A.M