

# MINUTES

## Early Childhood Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

*Date | time 4/5/2019 8:00 AM | Meeting called to order by Jud Curry Room B-1234*

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### In Attendance

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Jud Curry — Dean, ACSS  
Jami Nguyen — Director, Land of Learning  
Chris Kipp — Instructor, KEC  
Maria Lombardo — Director, Kish ECC  
Sarah Brown— H/E Student Worker, Recorder

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- Introductions

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Jud welcomes and thanks everyone who was able to attend the meeting. He explains how he and Maria went to a Gateways Education forum where they both learned a lot about many different early childhood education programs.

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- Approval of Minutes

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Jud asks that everyone look at the minutes from the previous semester. There is unanimous approval of the minutes so the committee moves forward.

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- Enrollment Report

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Everyone looks at the Spring 2019 10<sup>th</sup> Day Enrollment Report. Jud explains that ECE is down 7 heads, but they're duplicated heads. It is a 14% drop of credits. This is partly due to the fact that the overall college enrollment is down approximately 7%. Other schools in Illinois, such as NIU, are seeing a decrease in enrollment as well. Jud also brought the enrollment in each of the Spring 2019 courses for duplicated students. There were a lot more students in the beginning of the semester compared to now. Sue Whalen will be teaching the practicum 2 class. Jami has had 2 students who have set up appointments with her to talk about the ECE program because they are interested. The cohort of students who are doing the practicum class are going to be the final ones, they are preparing them to finish their A.A.S. 4 students are preparing for practicum 2. The courses on the schedule after the fall semester will now only be for certificates.

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- Program Updates

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Jud explains that the program is only suspended and that it is not cancelled. For summer 2019, the first aid/CPR class is in conflict with the practicum, and there are two students who are affected by it. They're going to be doing it individually with the students so that they are able to get that credit done.

Jud gives an update from the Gateways Higher Education Forum that he and Maria attended. He explains that Gateways has broken each requirement for the different certificates into smaller competencies. He states that competency based education is traditional education with fixed learning and variable time. They are focused on each competency and after the student is assessed, they would move onto the next competency. This style of learning can be more beneficial because you can do more direct assessment of the individual students. It is more self-paced and flexible in regards to each students learning style. It could be a

good test ground here because the program at Kish is relatively small. The problem with doing a competency based program is that it is more difficult to work with financial aid. There has been a big push at the state level by Gateways to focus more on competencies. Gateways has already developed the competencies, now they are just looking into creating the assessment tool for them. Hopefully they will have a draft of the idea by June. Jami suggests getting 4-C involved and asks if people could get continuing education for it. Jud also explains that the National Association of Registrars has been working on how to identify the competencies and put them onto the student's transcripts. Gateways has a program that they use where they can look up and print off any ones CEU's, called a professional development report.

There is discussion how some students don't fill out the paperwork even though they can get credit for taking the course. Maria suggests having students fill out the paperwork as a part of the class so that they are able to get their credentials. She also suggests adding the price to send in the paperwork in to the class fee. Jud thinks it is important to show the students that there is an entire professional track to go on with this ECE program. Chris states that the level one class can be done online; there are 16 modules for it and it can be self-paced. It takes approximately an hour per module. It is a dual credit class, but it is only for 2<sup>nd</sup> year students, which needs to be evaluated. Jud states that Amy Smith has now taken on the dual credit coordination role in the college and Terry Lyn is also the new Director of Curriculum. They both went to visit KEC to look over the dual credit there.

Jud goes over a breakdown of all of the different levels of ECE courses. Maria mentions that she was doing training at Gateways and they focused on how to incorporate video assignments into part of the classroom. Doing videos for assessment purposes can be beneficial as it can also be used as a self-reflecting tool for the students.

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- **Projected Employer Needs**

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The committee discusses how it has been difficult identifying people with high quality interpersonal skills. Chris explains that she focuses a lot on soft-skills with her students. They are just looking for good students who are great with communication and patience.

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- **Next Meeting**

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Next Meeting Date: Friday in October. Day TBD

Meeting adjourned 9:00 A.M