WESTERN PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MINUTES

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Component: Early Childhood Education Advisory Board

Chairman: Janet Fisher

Date & Time of Meeting: October 09, 2014, 6:00 p.m**.**

Members Present: Doris Hudson, Valerie Shook, Kathy Williams, Janet Fisher, Beth Parrish

Members Absent: Tina Kyes, Deb Williamson, Amanda Matney, Bobbie Fensterer

Guests Present: Mary Charlotte Safford

Forward Additional Copies to: Dr. Michael Helmick, Dr. Chad Bledsoe, Atticus Simpson, Sandra Hoilman, WPCC Deans, and WPCC Minutes. *(WPCC Minutes is listed in the Outlook Global Address List)*

(*Please give a brief summary of discussion and a description of all action taken*.)

I. Janet Fisher welcomed everyone to the meeting and then introduced our new member Doris Hudson She asked each member to introduce themselves. She then mentioned each of the absent members by name.

II. Janet announced the College's SACSCOC accreditation and asked Mary Charlotte to speak about it and the new QEP, Get REAL: Really Engaged in Active Learning.

III. Janet discussed the following updates for the Early Childhood Program:

a. There are now only two certificates offered which are the Infant/Toddler Certificate and the Early Care and Education Certificate

b. The lab for EDU 234 is being eliminated and the activities are being consolidated into the lecture portion of the course.

c. EDU 261 and 262 will not be offered at WPCC due to lack of interest in the courses, but any students wanting them can get them at CVCC who is collaborating with us to help our students get their administration credentials.

d. The Continuation Policy has been updated in the catalog with the following, "No EDU coursework taken elsewhere, while under suspension, may be transferred in from other colleges during the period of suspension. A maximum of two (2) suspensions are allowed throughout a student's Early Childhood program completion."

Kathy Smith asked if there were any other programs with similar policies on campus. Janet responded that there were policies in other programs, but not exactly like our policy.

IV. Janet continued the meeting by sharing some of what we have been working on for the NAEYC accreditation self-study (which is due March 2015) such as the update of our Conceptual Framework, the inclusion of data from transitioned Key Assessments, and followed this with the request for help with ideas for expanding our field experiences. Valerie offered the possibility of students conducting activities at the festival for the Week of the Child. Kathy suggested that students might help childcare programs develop their Emergency Preparedness Plans. Janet said she would email all members asking for more ideas as well as ideas for items to be included in the Student Handbook.

Copies of the NAEYC 2010 Standards Summary were also given to Board Members for reference purposes as Janet reminded those present that the Peer Review would be in the Fall of 2015 and they would be asked to meet with the Peer Reviewers. She stated the Standards were given to all faculty and students.

V. Janet shared the packets being distributed through a partnership with Child Care Connections in an attempt to recruit students. She reported that two early childhood students would be in K-Building on Oct. 27 with the EC display board for sharing information with K-Building students about the Early Childhood program and asked if any board members would be interested in helping. She also asked for other ideas for recruitment. There were none at this time.

VI. Janet shared with the board the damage that had been done to the outdoor learning environment by a micro-burst in June and that clean-up is still underway. She also shared the news about the bio-retention construction which led to the movement of the sign and the new gazebo, also the need for some new signage for added stations.

VII. Janet announced to the Board her coming retirement at the end of Fall 2014 semester. Each member expressed their dismay, but thanked her for all she has done and wished her a happy retirement.

VIII. There being no further information to share nor business, Janet thanked everyone for their attendance and help and dismissed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Parrish