

Child Development Advisory Committee
November 2, 2007
Minutes

Everyone in attendance was welcomed and introduced. Those in attendance were Sue Tabor, Cecilia Pittman, Elaine Cheatham, Lee Ann Townsend, Deidra Carpenter and Paula Gates.

Paula Gates shared information on the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Oklahoma City Educare One center which is scheduled to take place on Monday, November 5, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. She invited everyone to attend and stated that Governor Brad Henry would be the keynote speaker and that Kim Henry would be the speaker at the luncheon. The groundbreaking ceremony will take place at Shields and Grand Blvd. Paula shared information on the purpose and mission of the new Educare Center and stated that she will keep everyone informed as to the progress of the center.

Lee Ann Townsend shared information concerning the number of students utilizing the Child Development Center and Lab School for observation and labs. She stated that in Fall '06, 947 students clocked in and out of the Lab School and in Spring '06, 937 students clocked in and out. She also mentioned that the teacher's workroom at the Lab School will be undergoing remodeling during the Christmas break. Students will be encouraged to utilize the materials and equipment available to them in the teacher's workroom.

Sue Tabor explained the tech-occ review that the Child Development program is currently undergoing. She explained that the Child Development program is also currently working on accreditation and that if the program receives accreditation, the tech-occ review will no longer be required. The dates for the tech-occ review have been postponed until Fall '08, so hopefully the Child Development program will be NAEYC accredited by that time.

Sue Tabor reviewed the new course numbering system and descriptions. The new course numbers, names, and descriptions are currently in the new '07-'08 catalog, however, they are not in the spring catalog.

Sue Tabor gave a demonstration and explanation of the River Analogy to those in attendance. She explained the various “exit” points and the requirements for each of the degrees and certificates in the Child Development program at OCCC. The River Analogy will be used in the new Child Development Orientation class to help students clearly see the various options available and requirements in pursuing a degree at OCCC.

Sue Tabor reviewed the tentative syllabus for the new Child Development Orientation class at OCCC. Pending approval, the new class will begin fall ‘08. The course requirements were reviewed and discussed by everyone and several comments were made regarding the relevance of many of the requirements in meeting student success.

Sue Tabor shared information on the progress being made in the accreditation process thus far. Sue Tabor and Cecilia Pittman have attended several meetings with the cohort at the Regents during the past year. Three specific criterion of the accreditation document were shared with those in attendance and comments and suggestions were received on additions to be made to what has already been written.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. and no date was set for the next meeting.