

Central Texas College
Early Childhood Professions

Advisory Committee Meeting
March 31, 2007

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Gordon D. Bacon – Department Chairman, CTC Early Childhood Professions
- Martha Price – Head Start/Adjunct Faculty
- Maureen Montez – Director, Log Cabin Child Care Center (private center)
- Eula Scroggins – YMCA
- Robin Allen – Church related center/student

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Judy Marshall – Director, CTC Child Development Center

Mr. Bacon called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. The agenda was approved.

Mr. Bacon reported on the following:

- ECHP has been averaging over 200 hundred students per semester. The TECA classes have biggest enrollment and all CDEC courses offered made.
- The new wing is finished and all but the two children's classrooms are being used. The 18 months to 36 months rooms and 5-year room will open as soon as the kitchen renovation and playground are completed. We are still waiting for the classroom items for the two rooms.
- The new wing resource room is in use and the Ellison Machine and the children's books are located there. The adult classroom still needs chairs, tables and audio visual items.
- The Council for Professional Recognition has updated its CDA requirements. All changes have been made to CDA I, II, & III courses. The School Age Credential for military person's MSA has been approved and we have helped students get this credential. The School Age Credential for civilians still has not been approved.

The Early Childhood Professions program have been able to offer over fifty \$100.00 scholarships for child care providers the last three semesters. This was made possible from the Work Force Commission funds and at workshop/conference.

- Some of our course names and numbers have been changed by the State. No major changes were made in context. The name changes are:

TECA 1311 is now Educating Young Children
TECA 1318 is now Wellness of the Young Child
TECA 1303 is now Family, School and Community
CDEC 1335 is now Early Childhood Development: 3-5 years old
Math & Science is now numbered CDEC 2307
Instructional Techniques for Children with Special Needs is now numbered CDEC 2340.

All degree plans and catalogs have been updated. Members were given updated degree plans.

- The digital camera has really worked well and parents love the current pictures on the sign-in computer.

Mr. Bacon asked if there were any comments or questions on any of these agenda items. Being none, the committee moved on.

Mr. Bacon reported on action taken at the State level to eliminate the EC-4 and the 4-8 certifications for public school teachers and make only two certifications for the State EC-6th and 6-12th. This could have ramification for our TECA courses. Mrs. Allen asked if these changes were made when would it be and how much reaction-time the Early Childhood Professions program would have. No one really knows yet. Mr. Bacon said he would keep the committee informed.

Mr. Bacon asked if there should be a School Age Certificate. He said the European campus asked for one. He gave the pros and cons of the certificate. Mrs. Woodward said she could see no advantages for the Ft. Hood school age programs. Other committee members agreed.

Mr. Bacon said he would report next time on the Early Childhood Professions Accreditation Program. He said if they wanted an advanced look they could go to NAEYC.org and ACCESS.org and see some of the requirements.

Mr. Bacon asked if there were any community concerns. Mrs. Price asked that CDEC 1313 not be offered in the fall so the number of students enrolled would increase for the spring, the motion was made and passed.

Mr. Bacon asked that CDEC 1391 – Special Topics in Family Day Care Homes be added to the One-Year Certificate of Completion program as an alternative course for CDEC 1311 – Educating Young Children. This would allow CDA awardees to receive credit for their certificate. Dean Welsh had said we could not give work experience credit for a course not offered on a degree plan. It was moved and seconded to make this change. It passed unanimously.

Mr. Bacon asked if there were any other comments or business for the committee. Being none, the committee adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gordon D. Bacon
Department Chairman
Early Childhood Professions

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