



SCHOOL OF TEACHER EDUCATION STUDENT TEACHER ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

**March 1, 2007
BA 253
7:00P – 8:30P**

AGENDA

- **Welcome**
 - Volunteer to take minutes
- **Approval of the agenda**
- **Approval of the February minutes**
- **Introductions**
 - Name, block, grade level, (unique characteristic if new)
- **Comments from STAC Advisor, Dr. Cheryl Mason**
- **Action items**
 - Executive Board members
 - Boardman, Audrey audreyboardman@yahoo.com
 - Hayes, Charissa charissahayes@hotmail.com
 - Jacoub, Sophia jacoub.sophia@gmail.com
 - Kennedy, Rachel bizarreirishstar@yahoo.com
 - Urbanavage, Stephanie apacherose1980@hotmail.com
 - Wozniak, Brent brentwozniak@hotmail.com
 - Honoring Outstanding Teachers (Kennedy) – next steps
 - Newsletter and working with COE group (Wozniak)
 - Social events
 - Website
 - Working Kappa Delta Pi
 - Concerns (no grips session, however)
 - Strengths
 - Campus activities – proactive stance
 - Other ideas
- **Other**
- **Next meeting**
- **Adjournment**

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Minutes

STAC Representatives in Attendance:

Courtney Conboy	Aziza Pavageau
Rachel Gardner	Chris Smith
Charissa Hayes	Brent Wozniak
Sophia Jacoub	Tamara Drake
Rachel Kennedy	Darby Rood
Christine Misoni	Demi Sakadelis

Welcome

Volunteer to take minutes- Rachel Gardner volunteered to take notes and Charissa Hayes volunteered to write them in the form of minutes.

Approval of the agenda

Chris Smith moved to approve agenda
Brent Wozniak seconded motion to approve agenda.

Approval of February Minutes

Rachel Kennedy moved to approve February minutes
Sophia Jacoub seconded motion to approve February minutes

Introduction of Visitor

Charlie, a representative from the marketing program. 12 marketing students working with School of Teacher Education to help recruit and retain students.

Introductions

Introduced ourselves around the room, stated block, and grade level. New student teachers to STAC also had to say one interesting fact about themselves.

Comments from STAC Advisor, Dr. Cheryl Mason

Dr. Mason alerted us to the fact that the credentials office is very tight on staff at the moment. College of Education is working on hiring new staff, however, this process takes time. Reminds us to be patient when filing and waiting for our credentials.

She also discussed monthly team leader meetings and their support of our suggestions and comments.

Action Items

Rachel Kennedy- HOTS Letters- PIE and Part time blocks not notified of

assignment. Email to be sent out by Dr. Mason and/or Rachel again to block leaders. Rachel brought in key chain design for gifts for those teachers who are being honored. Contact information sheet given to STAC representatives for those letters that are chosen.

Brent Wozinak- Newsletter updates. Newsletter to be completed in the next 2 weeks. Connecting with the College of Education's undergraduate student council, they want to swap with us for meetings. COE Student Council holds their meetings every other Wednesday at 1pm, still looking for STAC representative who can attend one of their meetings. Want to start a future teacher's club at your middle/high school? Brent presented "Club Ed," a starter kit for beginning a future educators club. Contact Gail Watts at SCTA (Student California Teacher's Association) for more details.

Rachel Gardner- Apologizes for mix up for December social event. Opens her house to a STAC representative party some time after April. Other options for social events: game house, Hillcrest-Tuesday night Fun Night, Sea World.

Sophia Jacoub- Brings ideas about possible website/newsletter articles: add substitute information for local districts, testimonials from current credential students (positive experiences), information on supplemental credentials (constantly changing, difficult to address in undergraduate programs.)

Charissa Hayes- Kappa Delta Pi Spring Initiation- Saturday March 3rd at 2pm at Scripps Cottage at SDSU. Great Professional Development workshop given by Kappa Delta Pi ladies on Saturday March 10th. Only \$5! 9am to Noon at Bay Park Elementary School. No need to be in Kappa Delta Pi to attend. Available scholarships for College of Education credential, masters, and Ph.D. students. Excel spreadsheet given to those who are interested, or information can be located on the Financial Aid Office website.

Concerns/Questions (names not included)

Will credential classes be offered over the summer?

Dr. Mason- Because numbers are low in the summer, credential classes are not typically held during the summer. If whole block shows interest in summer classes, and can find a professor to teach the specific class, class may possibly be held.

There was a question regarding pay scales depending on degree.

Discussed Answers: More Units boosts pay scale. Differences exist among school districts. Discussion of taking summer school classes after credential to help boost units.

A point was brought to Dr. Mason's attention that some undergraduate professors, specifically in the Social Science department, have been **very** negative about the prospects of future jobs in the teaching profession. The single subject advisor will be alerted to this situation.

Strengths (names not included)

Discussed how the part time block has had the opportunity to have many “just graduated” credential students come in and speak to them about their first year out of the program.

Shared story about her supervisor leaving due to medical reasons, however has returned. Block/student teachers are very happy to see her return.

Discussed the hiring of mathematics teachers. Also, the several in the group brought up the concept of the willingness to leave area for jobs; choosing a specialty.

Praised her block for their ability to all get along, a feeling of all being connected. Praised Nina Dremasi, science methods professor.

Several acknowledged having good supervisors.

Discussion of discontinuing the North Counties block. Showed enthusiasm to keep the block.

Asked STAC how it is decided which professors work with what blocks. Dr. Mason says “Evaluations!” and also chosen mainly by block leaders. There are a variety of factors involved.

Discussed how accommodating the EDTEC department was for one student in her block. Also praised the new staff member in School of Teacher Education, Anthony, on a fabulous job well done.

Discussed the need to advertise beyond college campuses; for example, 2nd career teachers, possibly advertising at different scientific businesses.

STAC meeting continued with the reading of numerous HOTS letters. Together, the council voted/graded to reduce the number of letters to two for each block represented.

Next Meeting: April 12th 7:00P in BA 253

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Gardner and Charissa Hayes