

## Ventura College Child Development/CDTC Advisory Meeting – Minutes from November 14, 2014 8:30 – 10:30a.m.

Attendance: Carola Matera, Suzanne Godinez, Mary Woolever, Jennifer Parker, Robin Douglas, Kathleen Schrader

Agenda Item	Discussion	Recommendations/Actions
Welcome and Introductions	Members in attendance introduced themselves and shared what agencies they represent.	
Approval of minutes from Spring 2014 Advisory Committee meeting	Approval of the minutes was tabled, as attendees present at the beginning of today's meeting had not attended the Spring 2014 meeting.	Minutes will be approved at the Spring 2015 meeting.
News from the Field: What is happening in your workplace that has the potential to affect students seeking employment with your agency?	<p>Carola Matera shared that she and the Early Childhood department at Channel Islands are partnering with the Santa Barbara Museum in a campaign for fostering use of the home language. She feels this will provide an opportunity for students to feel part of the larger Early Childhood community. She also shared that Channel Islands wants to have an early childhood laboratory and findings from a research report written by Joan Carp showing a significant number of students who do not pursue 4-year degrees due to lack of child care.</p> <p>Mary Woolever shared that VCAEYC (Ventura County Association for the Education of Young Children) is pursuing a change of status from affiliate to chapter member. The change would provide more support from the state level organization, including insurance coverage and the ability to use their non-profit status for local events such as Week of the Young Child. Suzanne Godinez voiced that Head Start staff would benefit from connecting more with VCAEYC.</p>	
Child Development Club	Discussion on the difficulty of maintaining momentum with the club – in a two-year institution the rate of student turnover is high. The club president from last spring transferred to a university out of state and the student elected as president for the current year had to step down; she was hired for a full time job and between work and school couldn't make the time commitment. It was suggested that VC look at partnering with the Ventura County Association for the Education of Young Children, our local professional organization. Carola Matera also suggested that VC explore partnering with Children of CI, an organization for Early Childhood students at CSU Channel Islands.	Department Chair Jennifer Parker will meet with Associated Student advisor Rick Trevino for any existing guidelines on clubs partnering with organizations outside of Ventura College.
New Certificates of Achievement and Degrees	<p>Jennifer explained the rationale for new courses based on recommendations from the advisory committee.</p> <p>Following up on discussion from the Spring 2014 meeting: the 12-unit</p>	

	<p>certificate of achievement has not been completed; Jennifer is planning to present it at the Spring 2015 advisory committee meeting. Group discussion on differences between licensing requirements for preschool teachers and Child Development permit requirements, whether it is possible to have the 12-unit certificate address both sets of requirements. The recommendation from the group was to offer options to meet licensing OR permit OR infant/toddler requirements.</p> <p>Discussion on how to better advise and support students majoring in Child Development. Many know they want to work with children but not as classroom teachers but can't figure out what department they should be in and others learn as they go through the program that classroom teaching is not for them. Jennifer and Robin shared that they have both had students who think they want to work in the early childhood field but who are most likely not going to be hired as a result of emotional/psychological issues. Some of these students have a significant negative impact during class meetings although their behavior does not warrant referral to BICT. Carola shared that at CSUCI, Early Childhood course syllabi include a "statement of concern" letting students know that negative dispositions or attitudes displayed in class will be addressed. Faculty meet with students, looking at the California Early Childhood Teacher Competencies and NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct for behavioral expectations.</p>	<p>Department Chair Jennifer Parker will work on getting the new certificates approved by the campus Curriculum Committee.</p> <p>Carola will e-mail Jennifer the exact information contained in their syllabi.</p> <p>Jennifer and Robin will talk with Assistant Dean of Student Services, David Bransky about the possibility of acting on "negative dispositions."</p>
<p>Child Development Training Consortium (CDTC) Discussion</p>	<p>The CDTC grant was new to some of the meeting attendees, so Robin described the grant program, requirements for students to participate and the reimbursement process, and handed out copies of the application materials distributed to students this semester. Current funding priorities (1. applications submitted complete and on time and 2. applications submitted after 550 units had been allocated, awarded in the order received as funding allows). were used this semester, the committee will revisit in spring.</p> <p>Jennifer and Robin shared information on the Child Development Training Consortium's Career Incentive Grant (which provides funding for Child Development students pursuing bachelors degrees) with Carola. She had been unfamiliar with the program and was very interested in making it available to students at Channel Islands.</p>	

<p>California Early Childhood Mentor Program (CECMP)</p>	<p>Jennifer Parker shared that she has been officially approved to be the Mentor grant program coordinator, so the program will move ahead.</p> <p>Discussion on getting the Mentor and Mentor Director groups up and running in the next year. Jennifer voiced the opinion that these groups may help all programs to come along as we move toward QRIS, rather than focusing only on Head Start and state preschool programs.</p> <p>Mary Woolever stated that she is serving on the Mentor selection committee for Moorpark College and would be willing to serve on Ventura College's committee as well.</p>	
<p>Needs of the Field</p>	<p>Representatives of all agencies agreed that it is difficult to get information on area workshops and training events out to their classroom teachers. Information is usually mailed out to administrators and it may or may not trickle down to individual teachers. Carola stated that teachers from different programs have difficulty figuring out how particular workshops or trainings relate to their own work site contexts. Dean Kathy Schrader let representatives from the other agencies know that Ventura College could have professional experts provide training for their specific agencies. She also shared that internships will be coming back and that there may be grant dollars to fund them. At this point Child Development is not being included in new Career and Technical Education grants but there is a possibility that Child Development could utilize funding earmarked for small business, as the Child Development program is preparing students to open and run small businesses as well as working for small businesses.</p> <p>Jennifer Parker stated that although over 80 trainings were offered in Ventura County last year, there is no mechanism in place to measure their outcomes. Did those trainings really affect how teachers are teaching?</p>	
<p>Next Advisory Meeting</p>	<p>To Be Determined</p>	<p>Jennifer will communicate with committee members on some possible dates.</p>