

Prairie View A&M University  
Whitlowe R. Green College of Education  
Teacher Center Advisory Board Meeting

Minutes of Meeting  
December 6, 2012  
10:00 AM to 12:26 PM

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Dr. Parker stated that Mrs. Lozano is stuck in traffic. She will be in shortly. He welcomed everyone to the Teacher Center Advisory Board meeting.
- Reverend David Briggs led the opening prayer.
- Welcome back Mr. Eugene Thomas, former student both undergraduate and graduate degrees from Prairie View A&M University.
- Mrs. Brenda Lozano finally arrived and welcomed the attendants to the meeting.
- Dr. Michael McFrazier asked everyone to please join him in a moment of silence for the ones we have lost this past year, Dr. Marion Henry, Dr. Paul Mehta and Dr. Billy Cesear. He stated that we need to come together like this to work towards serving the young people.

2. Overview

3. Echoes from Academic Affairs and the Northwest Campus

4. Dean's Report on the Whitlowe R. Green College of Education

- Dr. Lucian Yates, III presented the Dean's report on the Whitlowe R. Green College of Education. He mentioned the loss of Dr. Paul Mehta and Dr. Marion Henry. He spoke about the budget cuts we endured and how we must do more with less because of it.
- Dr. Branch-Vital received a \$500,000 grant. Ms. Danyale Taylor was installed as the President of the Dance Board.
- We had a 96% pass rate on the TExES® state tests and we currently have a 92% pass rate.
- We are looking to hire a Hispanic recruiter and are trying to recruit in the surrounding ISDs.
- We need to work on mentoring more students.
- The Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling is being audited by Academic Affairs on August 31, 2013, just to look at their degree plans and to make sure they are competitive with the market.

- He is also looking to re-invent the Summer Professional Development Institute.
  - We need to focus on assessment.
  - He provided information on the iREAD program booklist.
5. Special Presentation to Mrs. Maggie Selman
- Mrs. Maggie Selman worked for forty plus years in Education and with the Teacher Center Advisory Board.
  - Mrs. Lozano asked Dr. Parker to introduce the award for Ms. Maggie Selman. Ms. Selman is 94 years old. Dr. Parker presented a plaque to Ms. Selman and thanked her for her many years of service. She thanked everyone for the plaque and the acknowledgement. It has truly been her pleasure to serve the community, schools, etc.
  - Ms. Selman left shortly after receiving the award.
6. Academy for Collegiate Excellence and Student Success (ACCESS)
- Ms. Lettie Raab is the Director of ACCESS in the University College. (See Brochure attached) She stated that most students are unprepared for college. Through the ACCESS program students are able to build relationships, take classes, etc. They need new students for the program. They have to have recently received their GED or recent high school graduate.
7. Field Experiences Update
- Ms. Irma Kendrick introduced Ms. Carolyn Scott and Jesslyn Long as the field supervisors for the ATCP candidates.
8. National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)
- NCATE will be looking for data, data, and data. We need to be able to show what we have done with the data we have compiled. The passage rates are critical.
  - We have implemented practice tests that students must pass before they are allowed to take the real TExES® exam.
9. English as a Second Language Workshops (ESL)
- Dr. Kitty Warsame is coordinating an ESL workshop. She is also working on putting together a Masters degree in ESL for an online format.
10. Survey and Outreach Project Update on Current and Future Issues
- Mr. Lawrence Allen, Jr. holds two Masters degrees and a Bachelors degree received from PVAMU.
  - Career and Technology courses are being looked at. Graphic design is going to be huge.
  - There are going to be about 200 courses to consider for approval in January.
  - We need to make sure our students understand they need to be certified in multiple areas. PVAMU needs to address the standards.

- Charter Schools may go to 300 instead of 215. Commissioner Williams' wife is a PVAMU graduate.
- Education is not just in a silo or in the classroom, it is a political war game.
- We need to make sure he is contacted when it comes to the standards. The state needs to know what we can do to improve the standards to help our students to understand the standards.
- PVAMU graduate, James White is a Legislative contact. We need to contact him when we have these types of questions.

#### 11. State Board of Education Update

#### 12. Announcements

- Dr. Lucian Yates, III stated his 1<sup>st</sup> book will be out in January and the 2<sup>nd</sup> will be out in the summer. They will be sold through Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble. They are both about African-American males.
- Jones Elementary is requiring ESL endorsement. Waller, Cy-Fair, and Clear Creek ISDs all need ESL as well.
- Dr. Parker asked that everyone please complete the survey included in their packet, as well as the yellow information cards so we will have updated contact information.

#### 13. Adjournment

- Dr. Parker thanked everyone for coming.
- Mrs. Lozano adjourned the meeting at 12:26 P.M.