



Shoreline Community College

16101 Greenwood Avenue North

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EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

3:00 – 4:30 P.M.

The Children's Center at Burke Gilman Gardens

Notes

In attendance: Jennifer Kelty, chair and host; Karleen Wolfe and Barb Matlock, committee members, Betty Peace-Gladstone, faculty and David Cunningham, Dean of Workforce Education

~ Updates from the Field in the Wake of the Current Economy - there was a general discussion of how the economy is impacting community colleges, early education support systems and programs.

~ Department Website: Input on Contents and Design – There was a detailed discussion on this with many great ideas and insights shared. Betty took detailed notes, and will ask for input on a program webpage when it is in draft form.

~ Discontinue Bilingual/Bicultural Education AAAS. Degree – This was discussed in the context of the impact of reduced funding for Community Colleges and the need to “downsize” by reducing program offerings in under-enrolled programs. The Advisory Committee approved this action, with the understanding that it is hoped the program can be re-introduced in better times.

~ Discontinue EDUC 160 Infant and Toddler Programs Class – as above.

~ Other

- Karleen discussed the development of an Applied Baccalaureate in Child Life at SCCC – Kudos!
- There was an extended discussion of the current movement, driven by DEL, to create short-term certificates in Early Childhood Education, and in the process, to standardize courses among Early Childhood Programs in Washington State, at the Community College level. Concern regarding the impact this may have on maintaining a diversity of educational experiences for student to choose from, as well as the fundamental changes in direction of how faculty time will need to be devoted to implement these changes were expressed. The idea of focusing on learner outcomes as they relate to Core Competencies, as an alternative to standardizing course offerings, was discussed and supported. Shoreline will proceed with its plan for a 15 credit and 30 credit certificate, in the meantime.

~ Next Meeting: TBD

~ Adjourned