

Samueli Academy Academic Committee Meeting

University of California, Irvine
School of Education
3200 Education, Office # 2050
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April 19, 2016

4:00 – 5:30pm

Minutes

Attended: Sandi Jackson, Anthony Saba, Deborah Lowe Vandell and Nicole Washington

1. Approval of the March 24, 2016 Academic Committee meeting minutes

Nicole Washington motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Sandi Jackson; all in favor.

2. Proposed 2016-17 school calendar

Anthony Saba presented to the Committee the proposed 2016-17 Samueli Academy School Calendar. Anthony informed the Committee that the proposed calendar has been vetted by himself, Assistant Head of School, Aimee Bilderback and Samueli Academy staff. Samueli Academy has 185 school days in the 2016-17 school year, which is approximately five more school days than other surrounding high schools. Additionally, Anthony informed the Committee that the second semester is approximately two weeks longer than the first semester due to testing. The 2016-17 school year will be the first graduating class of Samueli Academy and the graduation will be held at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts on Monday, June 12, 2017. Anthony stated that once the proposed calendar is approved by the Board of Trustees, a Graduation Committee will be established.

Sandi Jackson motioned to recommend approval of the 2016-17 school calendar to the Board of Trustees; seconded by Nicole Washington; all in favor.

3. New membership to the Academic Committee

Deborah Lowe Vandell informed the Committee of proposed new Committee member Patricia Janda and asked Nicole Washington to speak on Patricia's behalf, as Nicole is listed as Patricia's reference. Nicole stated that all the Academic Committee members have met Patricia and that she is a former high school administrator with Irvine Unified School District. Additionally, Nicole informed the Committee that Patricia has experience with CTE (Career Technical Education) and grants, which she felt was very beneficial to the Committee.

Nicole Washington motioned to approve Patricia Janda as an Academic Committee member; seconded by Deborah Lowe Vandell; all in favor.

Sandi Jackson stated that as the Board of Trustees Chair, she will appoint Patricia Janda as an Academic Committee members at the Tuesday, April 26, 2016 Board of Trustees Meeting.

4. 2016 UCI Survey

Deborah Lowe Vandell asked the Committee to consider items that they would like to be included in the 2016 UCI Survey. Deborah added that the major items from the previous year's survey will be included in the 2016 survey to track the progress from the previous years. Additionally, Deborah asked Anthony Saba to consider when he would like the survey done and how he would like it staged.

5. SA-HSSoE Update

Nicole Washington informed the Committee that she and Anthony Saba have been working to establish a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the School of Engineering at University of California, Irvine (UCI) and the Samueli Academy. Nicole stated that the implementation of project based learning materials, lesson plans, curricula, FabLab Development, K-12 Outreach and exchange of students is all already in progress and that once the MOU is official, the process toward matriculation to UCI via community college, direct entry and assistance in research will begin. Additionally, Anthony stated that the MOU between the School of Engineering at UCI and the Samueli Academy will not be adopted until after the Board of Trustees approves the new agreement between Samueli Academy and the Orange County Department of Education.

Sandi Jackson asked that section 8 of the MOU between the School of Engineering at UCI and the Samueli Academy, be revised to state the job titles of the School of Engineering, Dean and Samueli Academy, Head of School and not the individual's names currently holding the job position.

6. Career Advisory Council Update

Nicole Washington provided a report on the post-graduation high school support initiative that the Career Advisory Council has established. Nicole reminded the Committee that this is a voluntary program for students to opt into and will provide support in the pathway of the student's choice, such as college, apprenticeship, military or workplace. Nicole reported that the program received a donation of \$1,000 and the Council is considering how to best utilize the donation. Additionally, a partnership was established with a former Council member who owns a manufacturing company. The partnership will allow a six month internship with the intent that the individual would become full time following the completion of the internship.

Nicole provided a report on Global Awareness. Nicole stated that with 21st Century Learning the Career Advisory Council wants Samueli Academy students to be globally astute. A member of the Career Advisory Council is taking the lead to the initiative and an update will be provided at the next Academic Committee meeting.

Additionally, Nicole informed the Committee that she will be stepping down as president of the Career Advisory Council at the end of the 2015-16 school year. The Council is looking into a replacements.

7. New Business – All

Deborah Lowe Vandell opened the floor for new business.

Anthony Saba presented to the Committee the draft LCAP for review. Additionally, Anthony informed the Committee that the LCAP is a requirement for public school funding and monitors the schools goals and progress. The final LCAP will be presented at an upcoming Board of Trustees meeting.

Anthony Saba informed the Committee that teacher recruitment is going very well.

No additional new business was brought forth.

8. Adjourn

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the Tuesday, April 19, 2016 Academic Committee meeting.

The next Samueli Academy Academic Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016.