

## Samueli Academy Academic Committee Meeting

Samueli Academy  
1901 N Fairview Street  
Santa Ana, CA 92706

January 16, 2018

4:00 – 5:00pm

### Minutes

Attended: Richard Arum, Sandi Jackson, Patsy Janda, Anthony Saba and Nicole Washington

Guest: Chris Wegemer- UCI Graduate Student

Non Attendance: Sun Kim

1. Approval of the November 14, 2017 Academic Committee minutes.

Patsy Janda motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Sandi Jackson; all in favor.

2. Joint Meeting Dates and Objectives

Nicole Washington reminded the Committee that the Finance Committee and the Academic Committee meet yearly to discuss teacher compensation and serve as a checkpoint to what was decided previously decided. Nicole offered several dates to present to the Finance Committee to meet. They decided February 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> worked best.

3. MOU with UCI

Richard Arum presented the update MOU with UCI to the Committee. He explained that the services described in the MOU are services that are currently being done, such as the research and study of the surveys. He explained that this will formally put the work between Samueli Academy and UCI into writing. He stated that during this formality, it was decided to add a graduate student specifically dedicated to Samueli Academy to improve data driven results. The partnership will also include Samueli Academy into a collaboration with other exemplary schools across the county that will be working together to share strategies. Chris Wegemer, who is the graduate student assigned this year, shared some words about his passion for this type of work and the work the Samueli Academy is doing.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to recommend the MOU with UCI to the full Board for approval. **Motion approved.**

4. MOU with SAC

Anthony Saba presented the MOU with SAC and he stated there have not been many changes to the current MOU that we have with them, but this allows Samueli Academy Students to continue to receive dual credits for some of the courses offered at Samueli Academy. He shared that in addition to the professor they previously had, Blane Jones, a Samueli Academy teacher, has been hired at SAC with the purpose of making his class a dual credit course. He explained that Samueli Academy is still paying his salary, but by SAC hiring him it allows this extra opportunity to the students.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to recommend the MOU with SAC to the full Board for approval. **Motion approved.**

5. Committee Assignments from the 2017 Board Retreat

Sandi led the Committee in reviewing the items assigned to the Academic Committee Assignments from the 2017 Board retreat. They reviewed in detail and discussed the appropriate distribution of duties. Richard took the lead in the assignments relating to the UCI Scorecard and spoke of proper actions they will take to ensure the highest amount of responses. It was decided that collaboration with Orangewood Foundation was necessary for many assignments affected by marketing material, such as recruiting and helping diversify the student body. Nicole stated she would take the lead on the action items relating to work based learning and career training. Patsy Janda was assigned duties relating to educational grants.

The Committee discussed in depth scholarships as it was identified as an important next step. They agreed of the importance of having a criteria for scholarships offered to the students, and also a guideline for students once they receive these scholarships. It was determined that although Orangewood Foundation manages development, scholarships are distributed by the school as Orangewood Staff is not familiar with the students and their specific strengths and needs. Anthony stated he has a meeting tomorrow and will revisit this at the next Academic Committee Meeting.

6. Educational Grants Opportunity

Patsy gave an update on several items she recently came across. She shared several grant opportunities are available but unfortunately are not available to new applicants. She stated there is a proposition to expand funding to new applicants but there is no update yet. Sandi also shared information on new funding available in California but it is not official yet. She stated more information will be shared at the Board meeting.

7. Career Advisory Council

Nicole Washington stated that there is a need for internship sites for Samueli Academy juniors. She reminded the Committee that this is a graduation requirement. She asked

Committee members to speak with companies they are familiar with for possible new opportunities. She shared that 40% of students are already placed. Anthony emphasized the importance of this for the students. Patsy shared that she came across information of tax incentives for companies providing internships. Nicole stated she would follow up with the Orangewood Development team to include this information in the marketing material.

8. Compliance Calendar

Nicole explained the items on the compliance calendar. The committee reviewed the upcoming 2018 meetings, and deadlines and clarified some information on it.

9. New Business

Nicole opened the floor to new business. Patsy informed the Committee that she came across information that stated SAC students are eligible for free transportation through the OCTA if they have a SAC Student Identification. Anthony stated the students enrolled in dual credit courses do not currently receive a SAC ID, but he would contact them as this can benefit the students.

10. Adjournment

Nicole made a motion to adjourn at 5:07 pm.