

Samueli Academy Academic Committee Meeting

Samueli Academy
1901 N Fairview Street
Santa Ana, CA 92706

March 20, 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 February 20, 2018 Academic Committee minutes.

Richard Arum motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Sandi Jackson; all in favor.

2. SELPA

Anthony Saba reminded the Committee that Samueli Academy is currently a participant of the El Dorado SELPA. He stated due to changes in the community El Dorado SELPA amended their participation agreement to provide more structure for the schools who are part of this agreement, and set stricter guidelines. The Committee stated that in order for the full Board to approve it, the previous agreement should be included. Anthony stated he would bring copies of it to the Board meeting. He shared that one of the big changes state that non-compliance of this agreement could result in termination of the partnership but there are no other extensive changes.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to recommend the El Dorado SELPA Participation Agreement to the full Board for approval. **Motion approved.**

3. Scorecard and UCI Survey Update

Richard Arum reviewed in detail items that could possible make the UCI Scorecard more informative and include more information that could be a bigger marketing piece for the school. Richard stated some of these suggestions arose from the Board Retreat and discussed some of the questions that could be included in the survey to provide more in depth results for next year's scorecard. Anthony stated in order to receive the highest number of completions, it should be sent out as soon as possible before the students, specifically the seniors who will begin their senior activities soon.

4. Post Graduate Success Review

Chris Wegemer informed the Committee that the Post-Graduate Success survey was designed to correlate some of the question that they received during their senior year at Samueli Academy. The questions are designed to measure success and difficulties as well, such as difficulty with deadlines and English. Chris stated there will be incentives for alumni to complete the surveys, and he will also conduct phone and person interviews with them. He stated that they hope to continue to measure success through the alumni's college career.

5. Career Advisory Council

Nicole Washington stated that the Career Conference is next month. She informed them that the Career Ignition Conference was successful and many companies seem interested in hosting an intern this summer. She reminded Committee Members to follow up with any leads as there are still a few students that need to be placed.

6. Compliance Calendar

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

7. New Business

Nicole opened the floor to new business. Richard Arum discussed Samueli Academy's mission statement. He stated the term "underserved and foster youth" prevent students who do not fall under that category from applying. Anthony stated that although he is constantly informing the community that Samueli Academy is open to all youth however, there is not a shortage of applicant. Anthony also added that Samueli Academy is a program of Orangewood Foundation whose mission is to help this population. Nicole stated this will be suggested to the Board to possible discuss the edit of the mission statement and possibly establish a committee.

Anthony informed the Committee that Samueli Academy is working with UCI to establish an E-sports team. He stated that the students are very excited and look forward to starting the program.

8. Adjournment

Nicole made a motion to adjourn at 4:50 pm.