

Samueli Academy Academic Committee Meeting

University of California, Irvine
School of Education
3200 Education, Dean's Conference Room
Irvine, CA 92697-5500

August 16, 2016

1:30 – 3:00pm

Minutes

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

1. Approval of the July 21, 2016 Academic Committee meeting minutes

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

2. ACLU Report

Deborah Lowe Vandell presented to the Committee the Samueli Academy student response form, which students are asked to complete with the enrollment application. The ACLU is considering the Samueli Academy student response form an exclusion violation. Sandi Jackson stated that Samueli Academy has not violated any policies or been exclusive in the enrollment process. The student response form is not a requirement for enrollment at Samueli Academy. Additionally, Anthony Saba stated that no further action will be taken unless necessary.

3. Dual Enrollment Agreement with Santa Ana College

Anthony Saba presented to the Committee the dual enrollment agreement between Santa Ana College and Samueli Academy. Anthony explained that Santa Ana College professors will teach psychology and study skills classes' onsite at Samueli Academy twice a week and student will receive both high school and college credits. Additionally, Anthony stated that the only cost to the Samueli Academy is a onetime cost of classroom textbooks.

Sandi Jackson motioned to recommend approval of the Dual Enrollment Agreement with Santa Ana College to the full Board; seconded by Nicole Washington; all in favor.

4. Update on Meeting with University of California, Irvine (UCI) Admissions Office

Nicole Washington informed the Committee that she and Anthony Saba met with the University of California, Irvine (UCI) Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Services, Brent Yunek.

As a result, Mr. Yunek suggested a follow-up meeting with the Director of Office Admissions & Relations, Patricia Morales and establishing an admissions liaison at UCI. The liaison will assist Samueli Academy students with workshops for financial aid and college essays. Additionally, it was suggested to have Samueli Academy staff on the admissions team at UCI. Nicole stated that parameters for UCI admissions requirements need to be identified.

5. Biological Sciences Curriculum Study

Anthony Saba informed the Committee that Samueli Academy biology teacher Mr. Perez has been accepted to participate in a Biology Sciences Curriculum Study, which will provide him extensive summer professional development. Additionally, Mr. Perez will complete a research project with Samueli Academy students and the students will be tutored online by college professors.

6. Plans for Fall Board Retreat

Sandi Jackson stated that the Academic Committee has a responsibility to produce the Scorecard for the 2016 Board Retreat. Additionally, Sandi requested that the Academic Committee action items from the 2015 Board Retreat be an agenda item at the September Academic Committee meeting, as they will be reviewed at the 2016 Board Retreat.

7. External and Internal Scorecards

Deborah presented to the Committee a presentation that the Academic Committee prepared for the Board in October 2015 regarding the Scorecard. The Committee discussed potential items for the 2016 Scorecard and agreed to update the 2015 items for the 2016 internal Scorecard. Once updated, Anthony stated that he would review the 2016 internal Scorecard and decide what information to include in the 2016 external scorecard.

Additionally, the Committee agreed to add the 98% successful completion of summer internships and that the Smarter Balance Practice and Training (SBAC) test scores will replace the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) test scores from the 2015 Scorecard. Additionally, Anthony stated that he would like to include the SBAC test results comparing Samueli Academy to the nationwide SBAC results.

8. New Business

Deborah Lowe Vandell opened the floor for new business and Anthony informed the Committee that the first semester has begun and school is going well. No additional new business was brought forth.

9. Adjourn

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the Tuesday, August 16, 2016 Governance Committee meeting.

The next Samueli Academy Academic Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2016.