

Samueli Academy Academic Committee Meeting

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

September 20, 2016

1:30 – 3:00pm

Minutes

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

1. Approval of the August 16, 2016 Academic Committee meeting minutes

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

2. External and Internal Scorecards

Deborah Lowe Vandell presented to the Committee the draft material for the 2016 internal Scorecard and reiterated that once the internal Scorecard was drafted, Anthony Saba would make a recommendation of items to include in the external scorecard. The Committee reviewed the draft 2016 internal Scorecard material, with exception of the SBAC test results, which will replace the previous year's CAHSEE exam.

Nicole Washington asked Anthony if he knew the number of authentic audiences a student participates in each year and Anthony stated that students participate in 15 - 20 authentic audiences each year, depending on the class. The Committee agreed to state the percentage of students who participated in an authentic audience, instead of the number of authentic audiences a student participated in. However, Deborah stated that in the future she would prefer that teachers provide a report on the number of authentic audiences a student participates in per course. Additionally, Patricia Janda suggested using Aeries to track when students participate in work based learning activities such as authentic audiences. The committee further discussed tracking Career and Technology Education (CTE) opportunities that students participate in and including the data in future Scorecards.

The Committee discussed using historical data and agreed to use 3 years of historical data for the 'Students Reports School Climate' and 'Student Body'.

The Committee discussed GPA and agreed to condense the GPA Distribution.

Anthony called attention to the external Scorecard and stated that he would like the following items on the 2016 external Scorecard: My teachers care about me, teachers encourage students to do their best academically, students place a high priority on learning, and students feel safe at this school. Additionally, Deborah asked Anthony to provide a written description of the items to be included in the 2016 external Scorecard.

3. Plans for Fall Retreat

Deborah referred to the 2015 Board Retreat Follow-up Report and Sandi asked that a brief summary be provided at the Retreat, on the status of the Academic Committee action items from the 2015 follow-up report. Additionally, Deborah asked if collateral material should be provided with the report and Sandi suggested only providing a brief verbal report. Sandi will speak with Governance Committee about creating a standard format for reporting the summary at the Retreat.

4. Academic Committee Leadership

Deborah informed the Committee that she would be stepping down as the Academic Committee Chair and that Nicole Washington will be serving as the new Chair of the Academic Committee. Additionally, Deborah stated that she will also be resigning as a Samueli Academy Board member and that the October 17th Board Retreat will be her last meeting.

The Committee discussed and agreed to reschedule the October Academic Committee meeting to noon on Thursday, October 6th at the Samueli Academy.

5. New Business

Deborah Lowe Vandell opened the floor for new business and Nicole provided an update on the Career Advisory Council. Nicole informed the Committee that the Council is looking for a way to track initiatives and asked Anthony if Aeries could be used to track the initiatives. Anthony asked that Nicole work with Nyree Tramble to set parameters of exactly what should be tracked.

Nicole informed the Committee that she and Anthony met with the Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Services, Brent Yunek and Director of Office Admissions & Relations, Patricia Morales of University of California, Irvine (UCI), which went very well. Additionally, Nicole informed the Committee that Samueli Academy seniors will be participating in a workshop hosted by UCI on Saturday, October 22nd and UCI will be providing transportation.

No additional new business was brought forth.

6. Adjourn

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the Tuesday, September 20, 2016 Academic Committee meeting.

The next Samueli Academy Academic Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2016.