



## **FAUS & COE RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

**Monday, December 7, 2009**

**1:30-3:00 p.m.**

### **MINUTES**

**Present:** Julie Hector, John Hardman, Ira Bogotch, Nancy Brown, Lydia Bartram, Brenda Cummings, Tammy Bresnahan, Glenn Thomas

**Absent:** Lorraine Cross, Debbie Snyder

#### **Discussion Items:**

- 1) "Research Reflections" Quarterly Newsletter: Reviewed the current draft. Julie interviewed Mr. Glenn Thomas and the first part of this interview will be in the newsletter. Julie has also written an introduction letter about her new role on the committee. The Slattery Center and Palm Pointe have provided a research update for submission and Henderson will be submitting one as well. The "Developments" section of the newsletter needs more development. Lydia will provide a report on the activities at Slattery and email to Julie by the end of the week.
- 2) Ira reported on his experience with presenting to the Slattery teachers on their last professional development day. He used the concept of "recipes" as a way to teach methodology. He stated that he would like to do future presentations for them.
- 3) Julie met with Andres Leon regarding the research committee website. It has been removed from Henderson's website and placed on the College of Education's research website. This should help with visibility of the committee.
- 4) There was discussion surrounding a spring research mixer and how it should be structured. Nancy Brown recommended that the committee should find a way to make it unique and fun. Tammy expressed that teachers should have the opportunity to share their work, share their passion for what they are doing and get others excited about research. Ira agreed and stated that people need to see others' work to re-energize themselves. It was also discussed that Pine Jog could be used as a possible site to host because there is space and it is centrally located for all the lab schools. There was additional discussion about engaging the School District as a collaborator.
- 5) The committee discussed best practices in research within the lab school setting and what is needed to promote a culture of research. Further discussion involved who was allowed to be principal investigators and who could only be co-investigators of research projects. Ira stated that for a culture of research to be present and functioning two

factors need to exist: context and support. Both are factors of leadership. How can leadership of each school maximize in their own context, their own way to support research? Nancy suggested a brainstorming session for leadership of school and create a plan to implement. Ira knows two people who might be available to lead this "Leadership Forum" for the lab school principals and directors in February.

- 6) Lydia reported on new information she received from the NAEYC Conference in November. There is a national organization for lab schools in early childhood, National Coalition for Campus Children's Centers (NCCCC). Slattery plans to join as a member in an effort to connect with similar university schools around the country.
- 7) Glenn reported on the role of research within the new Race to the Top funding. Chancellor Brogan is looking at what lab schools are doing for the state. Glenn has been in communication with him regarding the FAU lab schools. Glenn also reported that planning dollars are available with Race to the Top and are attached to Title I funds.

**Follow up Items:**

- 1) Finalize Research Reflections newsletter for distribution
- 2) Ira will contact presenters for the Leadership Forum and set date for February
- 3) Decide on Spring Research Mixer

**Next Committee Meeting:** January 25, 2010

Melby Center

3:00 pm