



FAUS & COE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Monday, November 1, 2010

3:00-4:15 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Julie Hector, John Hardman, Nancy Brown, Lydia Bartram, Glenn Thomas, Steve Rios, Terry Watson, Debbie Snyder (by telephone), Kathleen Melrose (by telephone), Trish Konopelko (by telephone), Kathleen Perez (by telephone), D'Jion Jackson (by telephone)

Minutes from October 4, 2010 meeting were approved by unanimous decision. John Hardman motioned for approval and Nancy Brown seconded motion.

Co-Chair Report: Steve Rios

He is encouraged by the response from the committee to present at the upcoming COE SAC 10th Research Symposium. Twenty individuals submitted proposals and there is strong representation from the University lab schools both as presenters and as panelists. Dean Bristor and President Saunders will be speaking at this event. Steve asked the committee to invite community leaders. He is waiting on final approval of the invitation letter and will email to committee members as soon as possible.

Discussion of Committee Goals:

Julie Hector reported on the Rally Research Project. The Rally Reading Program encompasses several grade levels. A large amount of data has been collected through pre-tests.

Steve Rios reported that he and Cindy spoke about dissemination. There is a clear desire to have dissemination of research. He provided the committee with a handout "10 Elements of an Effective Dissemination Plan" and asked each committee member to complete based on their own perspective so that a comprehensive plan can be created and presented at the next meeting.

Nancy Brown posed that the committee needs to think about how and where we disseminate information.

Glenn Thomas stated that the committee needs to address the question regarding why dissemination is important. He also asked how the committee will determine what successful dissemination looks like. Glenn suggested that the committee pick two or three goals to focus on for dissemination.

Steve Rios provided each committee member with a "Developing a Summary" form to be completed by each principal investigator. John Hardman recommended that this be added to the school implementation plan for new research studies. Steve also provided committee members with a "Dissemination Work Plan" document. He will email these forms to each committee member following the meeting. John Hardman commented that this would fit in well with partnerships between FAU and school districts in getting IRB approvals more quickly.

D'Jion Jackson asked if the Palm Pointe teachers could get access to literature and resources through FAU so that they can complete literature reviews. Glenn Thomas will speak with the Director of Libraries to see if that can be arranged. In the meantime, Julie Hector will be the person to connect information until the technology resources can be put in place. John Hardman also suggested that Blackboard should be explored as an option. Glenn will join this as well.

Julie Hector reported that the research report is almost ready for release and she will plan to have it completed in time for the research symposium.

Lab School Reports:

- 1) **Palm Pointe:** D'Jion Jackson reported on the Rally Reading Project. Their team met with Dr. Jim McLaughlin and Julie Hector to discuss guidelines and implementation as well as reports and data for program comparison to FCAT. D'Jion also reported that they are collaborating with the school district on an Action Research Kickoff Event, which will expose teachers to action research and what it is.
a number of ongoing research studies at Palm Pointe. Projects include studies on intensive reading, music integration with reading. Cindy also reported that many teachers at Palm Pointe are now engaged in research projects and they have received tremendous support from John Hardman and Dr. Jim McLaughlin. New proposals are being submitted and reviewed for approval. Overall, Palm Pointe is serving as a community leader in action research.
- 2) **Slattery:** Lydia Bartram reported that she presented at the Broward Early Childhood Conference on October 16, 2010. The topic centered on working with infants and toddlers with special needs. The Reading Buddies presentation proposal was approved by the National Reading Association and Lydia, Gina Sands and Janet Towell will be presenting this research study next May 2011. They will also be presenting this research study at the upcoming COE SAC Research Symposium. Dr. Bjorklund's will be initiating a new study on how children learn how objects work through imitation.

afterlife beliefs in young children has started. Dr. Bhajwanji is also submitting approval for a new study on environmental awareness of preschool children.

- 3) **Henderson:** Brenda Cummings reported on current research activities. They are focusing on reporting information to parents. Terry Watson reported that she is working on a research agenda for the high school program. In addition, they are holding "FAT Tuesdays" for teachers every first and third Tuesday. "FAT" stands for "Faculty Achieving Together" and focuses on research and information sharing.

Research Mixer Event:

The committee discussed holding it in the spring and there needs to be further discussion on the details and development of this event. A possible date of April 1, 2011 1-3 pm was mentioned as a possibility.

Ideas for Fall Research Newsletter:

- 1) Symposium Report- featured article
- 2) Goals of Research Committee
- 3) Roundup of Research
- 4) New committee members- highlight co-chairs/bios
- 5) Under Developments section: building a culture of research

Recommendations: Nancy Brown recommended Dr. McLaughlin write a piece on action research. Julie Hector will ask him to do this article.

Next Committee Meeting: December 6, 2010
 Melby Center
 3:00 pm