Brenau University
Teacher Education Advisory Committee Meeting
March 13, 2013

Present:

**BRENAU UNIVERSITY**

- Dr. Bryan Sorohan
- Dr. Karen Henman
- Dr. Hazel Katz
- Dr. Rebecca Cooper
- Dr. Ann Wheeler
- Dr. Barbara Spurlock
- Dr. Camille Fareri
- Dr. Billi Bromer, via Big Blue Button
- Dr. Linda Aikens-Young, via Big Blue Button
- Dr. Charlene Wilkerson, via Big Blue Button
- Dr. Bethany Harrison, via Big Blue Button
- Jill Goforth
- Dr. Katheryn Locey
- Dr. Bryan Logalo
- Dr. Barbara Faukner
- Bobby Ivey
- Jennifer Gonzalez
- Mary Jo Adair

Belinda Sauret, West Hall High School
Paula Stubbs, South Hall Middle School
Dr. Catherine Rosa.
Kimberly Barnett, Gwinnett County
LaCrisia Larkin, Gainesville High School
Belinda Sauret, West Hall High School

Dr. Sorohan opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for attending and asked for their feedback and thoughts. The meeting also used The Big Blue Button for our South Georgia and Augusta Campuses.

The minutes from our previous meeting November 15, 2012 were approved. There were no corrections or additions to these minutes.

Dr. Sorohan updated everyone on College of Education activities.

College of Education Students took part in the RISE program, which began last year. Brenau has developed a partnership which will be instrumental in enabling us to expand.

Dr. Fareri was involved with Horizon National last summer. The purpose of the program was to eliminate learning loss which occurs over the summer. The girls had the use of computers while working at the housing complex and they tutored students primarily in reading and math. A journal was kept of their experience. At the end of summer, it was determined these students had gained not lost ground. There will be more students involved this year, possibly on the Brenau campus. Afterwards, students will be observed and tested. Overall, it was felt that it was a good experience and the pilot year was a positive experience.
Dr. Katz talked about learning loss over the summer for students of poverty due to their not having a good support system at home. These students need to be strengthened in math. She believes Horizon searched us out but we are required to meet their specific criteria, one of which is swim time. Gainesville city will be providing school bus transportation for the kids to take them swimming. Dr. Leslie said there will be a director hired at some point. First through third grades students will be the first group of students. The plan is to increase each year and add more students.

Dr. Logalo volunteered___________.

Dr. Sorohan would like to put together an announcement to recruit students from other areas. He would also like to put together a curriculum self-study program that examines other areas. Any feedback will be appreciated.

Dr. Sorohan stated he attended an Intel Conference in Orlando, Florida, sponsored by Intel online professional development modules. He said he came away with excellent opportunities to incorporate professional modules in research. We will pilot these modules in the fall. He discussed offering to professional development partners in schools. We are getting ready to pilot a digital collaboration in the classroom and hope to offer this to schools in our area. He will be in touch with the committee when he receives the results.

Dr. Sorohan asked everyone to look at our new Promethean Board in J3, which is one of four that will be installed on all Brenau campuses. Faculty will receive training next week, Wednesday, March 20.

Dr. Sorohan discussed enrollment trends in the College of Education (see handouts). Undergrad and Early Childhood studies were discussed. It is larger than some other programs. Two classes on the chart track are approximately four semesters behind. Middle grades in ED 415 are tracking high and tend to be 10% of our classes.

Special Ed – undergrad had smaller numbers at the beginning of the program. It is usually larger in spring and fall.

Grad Program – combined all of MAT and M.Ed. MAT people will receive certification.

More students are needed for all programs.

Dr. Logalo mentioned an email he received regarding IPD. Dr. Sorohan stated we are beginning a partnership that is under development with Inslet for Professional Development. They will help us recruit students to increase our enrollment. They did not question our enrollment trends Intel issue. Dr. Sorohan stated online classes have increased due to Intel.

Dr. Sorohan asked everyone to inform the group about events, improvements/enhancements that are going on in their various schools.

Dr. Catherine Rosa said at McEverArts Academy there is blended learning and kids are very well versed. The staff is using multiple kinds of technology in each class.

Paula Stubbs said she manages two locations, DaVinci and World Language Arts. Each of the students in their classes has a device for their use. Creation tools are needed for students to be able to use in a large
number of classrooms. First graders are using PowerPoint for presentations. Students are choosing technology.

LaCrisia Larkin stated Gainesville High School is rapidly moving towards using technology in preparation for exams. Students use iPads, mobile pads and are now allowed to use their cell phones under the instruction/guidance of their instructors. She said the younger teachers are helping the older ones with technology. Gainesville schools have a technology teacher to help instruct teachers.

Catherine Rosa said the big push is for use of common core.

Dr. Logalo is working with Dr. Erickson pertaining to Economics (see hand out). They are creating a BA 200 course for Economics to use in the fall. The course is not in the catalog yet but it will describe the course, textbook to be used. Dr. Erickson is trying to swap BA 200 with another course.

Dr. Sorohan stated all Brenau Early Childhood students need an Economics background so this class would be a great help.

LaCrisia Larkin stated Gainesville High is using CCRPI___________.

Belinda Sauret said West Hall is looking at ELC in terms of students being able to speak English. Students need a means to maintain their language and have language supported all the way through school.

Catherine Rosa said McEver Arts Academy will be implementing Portuguese next fall. She would like to have a fluent-speaking teacher from Brenau. They would be in demand.

Paula Stubbs said World Language Arts and DaVinci is the first immersion IB school.

A Breakout session was held, which consisted of Focus Tables (open forum at each table for partner discussions and feedback). Focus table facilitators were as follows:

Field Experiences – Jill Goforth; Technology – Eugene Williams; Common Core – Hazel Katz; Collaboration and Support – Karen Henman

The meeting adjourned at 5:55pm.