EDUCATION PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Monday, December 3, 2012
1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

Attendance:
Tasleem Qaasim—Education Professor, Karleen Wolfe—Chair, Robert Francis—Dean of Social Sciences, Tony Costa for Dave Cunningham—Dean of Workforce, and Brandon Rogers—Grants

- Introductions
- Issues and Trends Course (suggested topics)
- Charter School Initiative in Washington (pros and cons)
- Update DEL standardization of college curriculum
- Career Lattice
- DEL “Race to the Top” Grant and associated activities
- Miscellaneous (finding paid internships for student teaching)
- Next Meeting

Introductions

We discussed issues and trends course, should we continue it and use it for a multicultural requirement. The consensus is that it is still should be a critical course in the Education Program.

We discussed Charter School initiative in Washington State, the positive for students of color, because of the failure of conventional education to address the achievement gap. The impact it may have on neighborhood school funding and teachers. Both Tasleem and Karleen stated they support the Charter Schools as an additional alternative in public education.

We discussed briefly, DEL standardization of college curriculum career lattice, and its “one size fit all approach” and the lack of multicultural competencies in the curriculum and the weeding out of ‘grassroots’ seasoned ECE teachers for mainstreamed teachers with higher degrees.
We discussed the Race to the Top Grant that DEL led Washington application for $60 million and the initial 3 community colleges involved (Yakima, Pierce and Olympic), and how monies will spread to other CTC over a 4-year period.

Finally we brainstorm ways to find paid internship for student teaching in our program. Karleen suggested several people to talk to.

Next Meeting – tentative date will be set once 2013 schedules can be coordinated.

Tasleem Qasim
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