

**St. Petersburg College – Early Childhood Education Advisory Committee**  
 Fall Meeting - October 21, 2011 – 1:00 pm - SA 309

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Susan Weber, Claudia Decker, Laura Woodard, Lynda Lynch, Mona Jackson, Eugene Cote, Bonnie Fletcher, Sandy Smith, Anne Ryan

<b>Agenda</b>		<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>	Lynda Lynch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lynda welcomed members in attendance and introductions were made.</li> </ul>	
<b>Call to Order</b>	Lynda Lynch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lynda called meeting to order at 1:05 pm</li> </ul>	
<b>Approval of Minutes June 9, 2011</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The minutes of the previous meeting were read by members.</li> <li>▪ Motion for approval (Claudia). 2<sup>nd</sup> (Eugene)</li> </ul>	Approved
<b>Old Business</b>  Early Childhood Conference	Anne Ryan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The conference held at the college produced lots of energy with Lois Wachtel music and art presentation.</li> </ul>	

<p><b>Cont'd</b></p> <p>Move to College of Education</p> <p>Infant Toddler Certificate</p>	<p>“</p> <p>“</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The process is still in motion – the B.S. in Educational Studies will continue with the Preschool track (Birth to Four)</li> <li>▪ Will start as an elective. Will review interest (#'s) and it will be offered on line initially.</li> <li>▪ The committee continues to support the development of Infant/Toddler courses.</li> <li>▪ The recommendations offered by the Advisory Council members will be kept on file.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>New Business</b></p> <p>Infant /Toddler Conference</p> <p>Course Rotation</p> <p>NAEYC Standards</p> <p>Dispositions</p> <p>FAQ for Website</p>	<p>Anne Ryan</p> <p>“</p> <p>“</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ It will take place at the college on January 21, 2012.</li> <li>▪ The course rotation provides a way for student to see when the courses are offered in both an online and blended format. This is particularly helpful to students who want to take blended courses only.</li> <li>▪ Members reviewed the form that is used to determine which courses meet certain NAEYC standards to be sure all standards are covered.</li> <li>▪ The Florida Steps to Success publication speaks to 'dispositions' required for ECE practitioners. A draft form of a self-assessment will be used with students begin focusing more on the professional aspects of the career.</li> <li>▪ A Frequently Asked Questions section has been added to the ECE website for potential students.</li> </ul>	

<b>Community News and Sharing</b>	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Discussion pursued on the pressure parents' now fear for their children in the area of 'readiness' for kindergarten</li> <li>▪ Discussion on the need to educate Directors' in appropriate practice.</li> <li>▪ There is an unfortunate noted gap in high and low functioning preschools.</li> </ul>	
<b>Schedule Spring Meeting</b>	Anne Ryan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hope to have the Dean of the College of Education meet with us in May. Therefore, the date remains flexible.</li> </ul>	
<b>Adjourn</b>	Lynda Lynch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Members were thanked for their attendance and the meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.</li> </ul>	

Respectfully Submitted: Mona Jackson