



**ECE-MINUTES**  
**Friday, March 1st, 2024, at Noon.**  
**Zoom**

**Members Present:** Melody Patridge, Michelle Aguilar, Samantha Reisz, Clover Spears, Ella Fultz, Tanya English, Deepika Ilavarasan, Rachel Hay, Christyn Dundorf

**Members Absent:** Kelsey Hudson, Jamie Rodrick

**Clark College:** Debi Jenkins, Don Ludwig, Elizabeth Flores, Michelle Mallory, Sarah Theberge

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The meeting began at 12:05 PM.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting will be on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at Noon.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes from March 3, 2023, have been approved.

The minutes from May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, have been approved.

**COLLEGE UPDATES**

Introductions were made.

Don shared that there are no budget cuts and that more funding is being directed towards programs.

Michelle M announced that Michelle Volk would return next month.

Michelle discussed the family life program and childcare for the community, students, staff, and faculty.

Michelle shared that the program received a music grant, which allowed for hiring a music specialist and introducing instruments into child and family studies.

Michelle discussed that the program plans to hire a new program supervisor.

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

Sarah led a presentation on becoming a professional. Discussing the goals, standards, and key elements within the program. Sarah discussed expectations for students and the critical knowledge they will bring into the field.

Sarah shared the student portfolio process, artifacts, and capture paper, which are all shown to be used to demonstrate the outcome's competence.

Sarah invited the advisory committee to view student presentations on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

## **INDUSTRY UPDATES**

Sarah inquired about which professional communities' members engage within the ECE field.

Sarah inquired about how the committee views continuous, reflective, and collaborative learning in their area.

Melody discussed student mental health challenges and life barriers are a large stressor for teachers.

Burnout has been persistent, and forming a teacher community outside the workplace has been difficult.

Ella stated it has been difficult with short staffing and increased workload.

Clover mentioned available training days for teaching strategies at the Educational Opportunities for Children and Families (EOCF).

Christyn offered teacher collaboration to allow teachers to observe and learn about different classrooms.

Sarah recapped and will discuss burnout and social justice perspectives in the next faculty meeting.

Debi discussed the infusion of social justice as it aligns with the needs of the communities.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Clover volunteered as committee chair.

Melody volunteered as vice chair.

The committee approved the election of officers.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

Bylaws and work plans will be evaluated at the next meeting.

The committee will revisit the following topics social justice and collaborative pieces in the field.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM.

Prepared by Elizabeth Flores