



## INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY CONSORTIUM COMMITTEE (IFCC)

### EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Thursday, March 24, 2022

**Time:** 1:00 pm

**Location:** Web Ex

**Meeting Facilitator:** Nathalie Dames, Kay Wilson

**Recorder:** Gena Sapp

Angie Minish	North Georgia Tech
Arkimberly Robinson	Albany Tech
Caroline Sowell	Augusta Tech
Carolyn Jones	Southern Regional Tech
Cristina Leville *Region Chair	Central Georgia Tech
Diane Griffin	Lanier Tech
Diane McHughes	Southern Crescent Tech
Dianne Callaway	Southern Crescent Tech
Gena Sapp *State Recorder	Augusta Tech
Jennifer (Jen) Rosenfelt	Gwinnett Tech
Jim Gale	Atlanta Tech
Joyce Freeman	West Georgia Tech
Kathy Weber	Southern Crescent Tech
Kay Wilson *State Chair	Southeastern Tech
Kelly Smith	North Georgia Tech
LaVerne Pruitt	Georgia Northwestern Tech
Lisa White *State Chair, Region Vice Chair	Athens Tech
Lourdes Dumke	Chattahoochee Tech
Maria Abercrombie	Chattahoochee Tech
Mindy Sumner	Southeastern Tech
Nan Walker	Atlanta Tech
Paula Clifton	Ogeechee Tech
Rene Mason	Wiregrass Georgia Tech
Rita Parmer	Columbus Tech
Rodithia Carr	Augusta Tech
Ruth Nimmer	Coastal Pines Tech
Sherry Lowery	Georgia Piedmont Tech
Shirrita Rucker	Augusta Tech
Stephanie Grant *Region Vice Chair	Savannah Tech
Stephanie Wilkerson	Albany Tech
Susan McKoy	Chattahoochee Tech
Tamika Brundidge	Chattahoochee Tech
Taylor Wheeler	Oconee Fall Line Tech
Tracy Wimberely	Georgia Northwestern Tech

Attendees:

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**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:**

Kay Wilson welcomed everyone to the meeting. She hopes that we can meet in person sometime soon. There has been a re-order of the agenda.

Dr. Nathalie Dames welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Diane Griffin made motion to approve, Carolyn Jones seconded; Minutes approved

### ARTICULATION UPDATE:

Dr. Dames reported that the Articulation Agreement that we submitted in October has been approved and is available on our website. Courses approved and NOCTI with test score requirements are posted. This articulation agreement is ready for fall semester 2022.

One of the colleges reported that it was asked if ECCE 3 (which has the practicum part) would be accepted. The response was “No.” IFCC members gave their input as to answer was “No”. Gena Sapp reported that the requirement for the high school practicum may not have the same requirements as TCSG ECCE 1121. Clarification was made as to the question being asked. Can the high school student take course 1 and 2 and a practicum and have those three count for ECCE 1101 and ECCE 1105? The answer was “no”, that we should not deviate from what was submitted for approval. If there are high schools that do not offer ECCE 3 but instead offer the practicum, then the high school should be the ones to make the change to meet our needs. TCSG and BOE were together on making the agreement, so the high school in question would need to talk to their people. The student could always come in as a dual enrolled student if needed. It was noted that any college can have their own agreement with their high school to accept ECD3 from the high school and give credit, but the IFCC for ECCE would not amend the Articulation Agreement.

### FIRST AID CERTIFICATION ISSUES:

Gena Sapp asked about the CPR and Fire Safety. Our ECCE 1105 standards do not say the CPR card must be from American Heart or Red Cross. A student has questioned their credit for a CPR card from a 1-hour on-line training. Do we need to put this on our standards for ECCE 1105? Although fire training is not listed on the standard, the information required is now on the syllabus. There was much discussion concerning the requirement for CPR cards. Gena Sapp made a motion that the verbiage “skilled based, hands-on training” be added to the ECCE 1105 standard for the CPR requirement. Sherry Lowery seconded the motion. Motion was passed. Dr. Dames will get this taken care of.

There was discussion on how to handle a student who may not be able to physically complete the hands-on part. Kay Wilson responded that she feels there is an accommodation for this and it should not be an issue. Instructors will need to follow up with their college if the college does not offer training on-site. Students can receive training from Continuing Education.

### REGIONAL UPDATES:

#### South Region (Stephanie Grant)

Savannah Technical College Early Childhood Care & Education instructor Stephanie Grant was named the Georgia Skills USA Advisor of the year at the Georgia 2022 SkillsUSA Postsecondary State Conference. She has been one of STC’s SkillsUSA advisor for the past four years.

#### Central (Cristina Leville)

#### Augusta Tech (Rodithia Holloman)

Following Betsy Bouwhuizen’s retirement in December 2021, Augusta Technical college welcomed a new early childhood instructor by the name of Shirnita Rucker.

Ms. Rucker has worked as an educator both in early childhood settings and elementary grades. She has worked directly with young children and families through the Department of Public Health. Additionally, Ms. Rucker is a former graduate of the Augusta Tech Early Childhood program. Also, Augusta Tech's associate degree program is now NAEYC accredited.

Ogeechee Tech (Paula Clifton)

Presenter at the Leadership Southeast Georgia (LSEGA) tour on literacy.

LSEGA is a regional leadership program that brings together influencers from a variety of industries across 10 counties within Georgia's Coastal Region. It's a five-month region-wide program designed to equip, empower and connect community leaders to help them promote positive growth and improve the quality of life in the Southeast Georgia region. The class spends one weekend a month traveling to surrounding counties to learn about the impact of local issues such as healthcare, education, economic development, and transportation.

CGTC

New grant to build a new CDC with classrooms in Macon. 13,000 sq ft. classrooms/lab school, observation booths.

North (Lisa White)

North Georgia Technical College – Kelly Smith was a Rick Perkins Finalist. Kelly Smith has one grandchild and Angie Minish has two grandchildren and each love being grandmas.

Georgia Northwestern Technical College – They are offering EDUC 2110 for their student. This is another class that will transfer into the 4 year colleges. Tracy Wimberley is now the ECCE Program Director.

Gwinnett Technical College – Jen Rosenfelt presented at the Georgia Preschool Association. D. Scott Hudgens Early Learning Center will close in May.

Georgia Piedmont Technical College – Sherry Lowery was the Rick Perkins winner.

Atlanta Technical College – Ms. Sharron McIntyre is the new ECCE Program Coordinator.

Chattahoochee Technical College – Had nothing to report.

Lanier Technical College – Had nothing to report.

Athens Technical College – Had nothing to report.

#### ASSOCIATE DEGREE SPECIALIZATION:

Multi-cultural and Anti-Bias Curriculum

Chattahoochee Tech has written 2 courses for a new specialization to be added to the degree program of study.

They are asking the IFCC to review the courses. These courses were designed to provide students with knowledge and skills needed to work with diverse population. The goal is to basically bring together the little pockets of conversation, plan appropriate learning experiences, and build partnerships that help young children and families from diverse backgrounds. Tamika Brundige, Lourdes Dumke, Maria Abercrombie explained the need for the specialization and presented the classes they have outlined for approval from IFCC.

There was discussion about the standards, particularly in ECCE2392, standard 4. It was reported that there was additional information needed before a formal vote could be made. It was suggested that some of the statements in Standard 4 needed to be more specific. In reviewing ECCE 2390, standard 3, there was also some wording issues. It was recommended that a resource list be sent to the members for review.

It was stated that overall, everything looked good and was well written. It was also stated that these types of courses are needed, however, some of the wording appears to be subjective. It was decided that a vote will take place on April 12 after everyone has had the opportunity to read the materials carefully and respond to the faculty at Chattahoochee Tech.

It was decided that anyone who has concerns or re-wording need have their responses made by Tuesday, March 29. A vote will be taken on April 12 by the colleges.

Sherry Lowery made a motion to adjourn, Diane Griffin seconded.

### **DISCUSSION SUMMARY:**

IFCC members will send questions, concerns and re-wording to Tamika Brundidge at Chattahoochee Tech by Tuesday, March 29.

Chattahoochee Tech will make any revisions and submit to IFCC members as well as a list of resources.

IFCC members will meet on April 12 for a vote on a new specialization

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**Minutes Submitted By:** Gena Sapp