



INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY CONSORTIUM COMMITTEE (IFCC)

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Central Ga Technical College, Macon, GA

Meeting Facilitator: Nathalie Dames, Lisa White

Recorder: Gena Sapp

Attendees: [List Attendees]

First Name	Last Name	College
Shamira	Myers	Albany Technical College
ArKimberly	Robinson	Albany Technical College
Leslie	McKenzie	Athens Technical College
Lisa	White	Athens Technical College
Jim	Gale	Atlanta Technical College
Rodithia	Carr	Augusta Technical College
Shirnita	Rucker	Augusta Technical College
Gena	Sapp	Augusta Technical College
Tian	Foss	Central Georgia Technical College
Cristina	Leville	Central Georgia Technical College
Nanette	Manning	Central Georgia Technical College
Tamara	Rawlings	Central Georgia Technical College
Lourdes	Dumke	Chattahoochee Technical College
Susan	McKoy	Chattahoochee Technical College
Ruth	Nimmer	Coastal Pines Technical College
Rita	Parmer	Columbus Technical College
Katie	Day	Georgia Piedmont Technical College
Jametria	Floyd	Georgia Piedmont Technical College
Dr. Jean	Jones	Georgia Piedmont Technical College
Lani	Douglas	Gwinnett Technical College
Christy	Mitchell	Gwinnett Technical College
Diane	Griffin	Lanier Technical College
Angie	Minish	North Georgia Technical College
Kelly	Smith	North Georgia Technical College
Connie	Burgamy	Oconee Fall Line Technical College
Paula	Clifton	Ogeechee Technical College
Stephanie	Grant	Savannah Technical College
holly	oquinn	Savannah Technical College

Jaye	Cripe	South Georgia Technical College
Cambrette	Hudson	South Georgia Technical College
Mindy	Sumner	Southeastern Technical College
Hayley	Jarvis	Southern Regional Technical College
Carolyn F	Jones	Southern Regional Technical College
Ariel	Register	Southern Regional Technical College
Kay	Wilson	Southern Regional Technical College
Nathalie	Dames	Technical College System of Georgia
Saundra	King	Technical College System of Georgia
Joyce	Freeman	West Georgia Technical College
Karen	Freeman	West Georgia Technical College
Songelyn	Smith	Wiregrass Georgia Technical College
Valerie	Tisby	Wiregrass Georgia Technical College

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Lisa White Welcomed everyone to the meeting. Everyone was reminded to sign in so that we have an accurate record.

We went around the room and each college shared what was going on at their college.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCT 2023 MEETING

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were emailed to everyone after the last meeting. Kay Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes. Katie Day seconded. Motion passed.

SKILLS

Dr. Mazhani gave a presentation about Skills USA. ECCE is one of the more popular areas of the competition. State conference is in Atlanta. National competition is in Atlanta this year. She asked that we look at the list of materials because the state allows more materials than at Nationals. Please let the technical chairs know and give feedback. In the ECCE area, students write a lesson plan, complete an interview, demonstrate transition, and read a book aloud. Students are given the theme, and lesson plan format. They do not know ahead of time what book they will read until they get there. There are some manipulatives in the contest area. Students are allowed to bring in other materials as long as they follow the list. If you would like to be a judge, get in touch with Dr. Mazhani or your campus Skills sponsor or Stephanie Grant in Savannah Tech.

TCSG UPDATES:

Dr. Dames presented updates.

Georgia Match—it is guaranteed admission to your college. The high school senior students receive a list of colleges that students can enroll. The student can then contact the school and complete the application. It started in fall 2023. It should help get the word out about the technical colleges.

Faculty Development Institute is like a new teacher orientation training. It has a phase I and phase II. There are online modules and Synchronous via WebEx meetings. There are different sessions on learning styles, lesson plans, Blackboard, Dual Enrollment, reading standards, and other sessions. Part II goes into the legal issues, copyright, disruptive students, etc. Deeper training with Blackboard.

Slido allows the student to be active in the class and the instructor can see how many are responding. It gives the instructor the opportunity to see how many students are not ready to move on or that finished. The instructor can then see the responses in different displays. You can quickly make a quiz, Instructors can control when students see the questions. GVTC has websites for us to review. Go to www.slido.com. When you log in, select log in with WebEx. You will have to download it to your computer. You use your own information from Blackboard. Dr. Dames demonstrated different things you can do with Slido.

Conferences

Dr. Dames will send up information about upcoming conferences.

Kennesaw State is interested in creating a child development Certificate for faculty or aspiring faculty with 18 credit hours.

Pyramid Model PLC is going on.

Strengthening Families GA may come out with some new sources. Because we are one of their sponsors, we need to promote them.

Awards-Fall 2023 graduate information. 8,879 grades from 2020 until now for the state. The Basics TCC has 466. The Child Development Specialist is another TCC that is embedded which only has 123. This number should be higher.

DECAL SCHOLARS UPDATE

Charlotte Pelz and Lindsey Peterson gave a presentation on DECAL Scholars. The team has tripled in size in the last few months. Handouts were presented to the group. They provide Counseling, Scholarships, and Incentives. Scholarships—pay 80% of tuition and fees not covered by HOPE, Pell, or other awards, scholarships, or grants at public institutions. Scholarships were increased for private institutions and for Master's Degrees. Stipends have not changed. Students must be employed for 30 days (this was a change), enrolled in the ECCE program of study, and apply for financial aid. Apply no earlier than 60 days prior to the semester starting. They get the awarded during the semester, not at the end. The last day to apply is last day of class of the semester. Power-Ed, they can get \$1,000 salary supplement each semester. This is per semester. The money is released after the drop-add. They have to be working to get the Power-Ed. You have to re-apply each semester.

Incentives-salary supplement after finishing a credential, students can receive a maximum of five payments. Be with current employer 12 months and credital in the past 5 years ago. 1-3 years with same employer \$1,500/year and 4- or more years at same employer \$2,500/year. You can get incentives an scholarships at the same time. You get is two times a year. Must work 15 hours a week.

BLACKBOARD GROUPS

Gena Sapp gave a presentation on Augusta Tech's Early Childhood Department Blackboard Playground course.

REGIONAL UPDATES

Central Regional updates

Southeastern Tech

Piglet who is a blind and deaf dog who has been on Dateline is coming to Southeastern Tech and speak to the 3-4 yr olds from our lab school and Head Start. This is part of our curriculum class.

100% graduate placement rate.

Ogeechee Technical College ECCE Updates:

1. ECCE student Ashley Ford is OTC GOAL winner and she just competed at regionals in Tifton Tuesday. Result will be given in April for the state winner.
2. We were invited by the DECAL commissioner, Amy Jacobs to be part of a podcast sharing Ashley's inspirational GOAL story, technical education benefits and challenges. The podcast is now out , DECAL Download, Episode 18.
3. All 4 ECCE students took home medals, 3 silvers and 1 bronze at State Leadership and Skills USA Conference from OTC.
4. OTC has created a Child Care Task Force to organize a meet and greet here on our campus for perspective, past, present, and graduated students to attend and get information on how to start and get licensed to open a child care center or Family Home Child Care with state, community, and industry partners.

CGTC

Plans for new center with the architect.

Oconee Fall Line Tech

An ECCE student from our college is the GOAL representative for this year. Her name is Nicole Shenk

South Regional Updates

Albany Technical College:

No one reported any updates.

Coastal Pines Technical College:

They had no updates to report.

South Georgia Technical College:

They have a new hire: Cambrette Hudson, Full-time Instructor. Americus and Cordele campuses have Spring Semester going strong with Full-term, B-term, and soon-to-start C-term course offerings. Early Childhood is one of the larger programs on their campus.

Savannah Technical College:

They are proud to announce the hiring of Holly O'Quinn as full-time Instructor of Early Childhood on their Liberty Campus. They are excited to have her as they seek to increase enrollment and continue the community engagement on the Liberty Campus.

Southern Regional Technical College:

Our High School Dual Enrollment Instructor, Ariel Register, wanted to report that her Early Childhood Dual Enrollment classes have 16 interns who are doing great things at the Elementary schools in Colquitt County. They are diving in and working in small groups, and some are even helping with whole group lessons. They are all doing wonderful according to their Supervising teachers. She has 3 Seniors who are planning on attending SRTC after graduation and finishing their AAS Degree in Early Childhood.

In addition, we would like to report that our Program Chair, Mrs. Jarvis, will be transitioning from the Thomasville Campus to the Moultrie campus, which will open up a Full-time Early Childhood position for Thomasville. Please let her know if you know anyone who may be interested. We would also like to report that our Early Childhood classrooms on Tifton Campus and Thomasville Campus will be receiving Newline Panel Boards through Perkins. We also are continuing to thrive this semester as we continue to bounce back to normalcy on all our campuses.

Wiregrass Technical College:

They had no updates to report.

North Region Updates

Gwinnett Tech- Our full-time instructor at our ANF campus, Jen Rosenfelt, was rified. We will no longer have an ECCE program at our ANF campus after Summer of 2025.

Chattahoochee Tech- Tamika Brundidge is our new Associated Dean. Lourdes Dumke is our new Lead Instructor. We hired a new ECCE Instructor and she will be starting in March.

Lanier Tech- No updates, hope to have a new hire to start July 1.

Georgia Piedmont- One new update for GPTC. We have a new ECCE instructor, Dr. Jametria Floyd.

Georgia Northwestern Technical College- They are still down an instructor.

Atlanta Tech- One of their students won Gold at this past weekend's Skills USA ECCE competition. First time in history for Atlanta Technical College.

North Georgia Tech- We are excited about the beginning of new construction around the main campus:

The Mark--Honoring Mark Ivester our former president. Our new gym facility.

Athens Tech-

- We had one student participate in Skills USA.
- We are, once again, doing the Hands Are Not For Hitting puppet shows with Clarke County Schools in conjunction with the Solicitor General's office. This anti-bullying puppet show is performed by ECCE student volunteers for PreK - 2nd graders.

NEW PROGRAM OR COURSE PROPOSAL

Dr. Dames reported that all course corrections have been made and KMS is correct. Should be posted by next week.

CLOSING REMARKS

There was discussion about practicum and/or internship during summer semester. A couple of colleges reported that they do, but they reported that they wouldn't do it again.

Our next meeting will be Oct 17 at Central Tech in Macon.

We will set aside 2 hours at the next meeting for Region Presentation. Augusta Tech will do the presentation for Central Region. We will have a working lunch with 45 minutes to eat and then continue with the meeting. The presentations are about anything that the college thinks may be of interest to the group, much like the presentation of "The Playground" on Blackboard from Augusta Tech.

[Comments/Notes]

Minutes Submitted By: Gena Sapp