

SUPERINTENDENTS CONSORTIUM

November 21, 2011

Attending: *JSU-*

Dr. John Hammett, Dean, College of Education & Professional Studies
Dr. Jordan Barkley, Associate Dean College of Education & Professional Studies
Dr. Kelly Ryan, Teacher Service Center
Dr. Jeff Chandler, HPER
Ms. Kim Townsel, Family Consumer Science
Dr. Debra Goodwin, Family Consumer Science
Dr. Bill Kisor, Educational Resources
Dr. Alicia Simmons, Inst. Research and Assessment
Mr. Mike Zenanko, Instructional Services Unit
Mr. Terry Marbut, Technology and Engineering
Dr. Jerry Smith, College of Education and Professional Studies
Dr. Tommy Turner, Educational Resources
Dr. Mary Montgomery, Educational Resources
Dr. Linda Allen, Educational Resources
Ms. Ronda Ray, Clinical Experiences

Superintendents-

Ms. Jan Hurd, Donoho
Mr. Joe Dyar, Calhoun County Schools
Dr. Bobby Hathcock, Pell City Schools
Dr. Michael Barber, Pell City Schools
Mr. Jeff Goodwin, Oxford City Schools
Mr. Jon Campell, Jacksonville City Schools
Mr. Matt Akin, Piedmont City Schools

I. WELCOME

Dr. John Hammett

Dr. John Hammett welcomed everyone and had the members introduce themselves. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for the work they do in their schools and at the university.

II. INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH & ASSESMENT Dr. Alicia Simmons

Dr. Hammett asked Dr. Simmons to address the issue of institutional research and assessment. Dr. Simmons discussed their efforts to fund research and talked specifically about the 21st Century Classroom efforts. She stated that they would be selecting ten students for internship in a 21st Century Classroom environment. They will use this experience to try and learn more about what the teachers will need, what type of technology they will use, and the training they will require for it. She would like to team with any of the school systems for a potential research study. She asked anyone that is interested to please contact her.

III. INTERNSHIP UPDATES

Ms. Ronda Ray

Dr. Hammett asked Ms. Ronda Ray to give the internship update. Ms. Ray discussed the growing importance of team teaching and that this was a direction the university was moving toward for all of its interns in the future. She also discussed the idea of combining the Practicum and Internship together and stated that this was also a direction they would be going to in the near future. She talked about two pilot programs. One is the video project where students are recorded during their teaching for evaluation and reflection. The other has to do with the yearlong internship idea. She said that they had received very positive feedback on both of them.

IV. TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING

Mr. Terry Marbut

Dr. Hammett asked Mr. Terry Marbut to give an update from the Technology and Engineering Department. Mr. Marbut went over a handout about the upcoming Technology Fair. He reminded everyone that due to the growth in turnout for them, they were having two separate events. There will be one for the Northeast Region on March 2, 2012 and one for the Central East Region on March 16, 2012. He said if there were any questions or needs to please contact him. He also discussed the efforts of JSU to become a hub for the Best Robotics project. This would allow them to service the school systems in our region.

V. NCATE BLUE RIBBON REPORT

Dr. John Hammett

Dr. Hammett discussed the NCATE Blue Ribbon report and handout. He went over the key points in the report and specifically focused on the "What Needs To Be Done" section. He used this to discuss our own efforts to strengthen our teacher candidates and improve the Internship process. He stated that his goal is to have a strong partnership with our surrounding school systems without becoming a burden to them. He asked everyone to carefully read over the entire handout.

VI. CO-TEACHING MODEL

Dr. John Hammett

Dr. Hammett discussed the St. Cloud report and handout on the Co-Teaching model. He stated that he had looked into obtaining their training and announced that they would be coming to JSU in the Spring for a two day workshop. They will be providing training and instruction regarding their Co-Teaching Model. Dr. Hammett wants to involve people from our college as well as the surrounding school systems. His goal is to eventually place all teacher candidates into a Co-Teaching environment for their Internship and then to incorporate it into the Practicum as well. This practice, along with the yearlong Internship, will be two major developments for our college.

VII. SCHOOL REFORM

Dr. John Hammett

Dr. Hammett discussed recent news reports about efforts at school reform in the state legislature. He also discussed a recent meeting that Senator Del Marsh spoke at where the topic was also discussed. This led to a very long discussion that centered primarily on the subject of charter schools. There was much conversation about the implications this movement would have on the

public school system in Alabama. Issues such as graduation rates, state funding, and accountability were discussed. Dr. Hammett stated that he would like to have a meeting with the Superintendents and invite Senator Marsh to meet with them to discuss this issue in greater detail.

VIII. CURRICULUM UPDATES

Dr. John Hammett

Dr. Hammett asked for curriculum updates from various departments. Dr. Tommy Turner announced that the Teacher Leader program has been approved. It is a thirty-hour program, which will help provide leadership skills. It is an online program and the prerequisite is a Master's Degree in any teaching area. He also gave an update on the EDS Library Media program, which should begin in Fall 2012. Dr. Nina King gave an update for the Curriculum and Instruction department. She stated the Elementary Education Master's program would be going totally online in Fall 2012.

IX. ISSUES FROM SUPERINTENDENTS

Dr. Hammett asked the superintendents to share any issues they are currently facing or are concerned with in the future. The main issue raised had to do with teachers using social media sites in unprofessional ways and the need to do a better job of instructing them about this issue.

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II. 21st CENTURY CLASSROOM INITIATIVE

Dr. Alicia Simmons

Ms. Karen Kisor

Dr. Hammett asked Dr. Simmons to address the grant they are seeking for the 21st Century Classroom Initiative project. She discussed the basics of the grant they are pursuing from the United States Department of Education. She discussed how the school systems in our regional area could support the effort by writing a letter on their behalf. She stated that if the grant were received it would benefit all of the educational facilities in our area. She discussed the collection of data that was used in the grant request. She went over a handout, "Assessing Critical Thinking, Analytical Reasoning, Problem-Solving, and Writing in High School." She also discussed where the different monies from the grant might be invested. Dr. Simmons also discussed the role of Ms. Karen Kisor. She stated that she would be the university liaison to the school systems and to the Superintendents. There was a great deal of discussion about this issue and its potential impact for the area.

III. YEARLONG CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Dr. Jordan Barkley

Ms. Ronda Ray

Dr. Hammett asked Dr. Barkley to address the issue of a "Yearlong Clinical Experience." Dr. Barkley gave the background of the issue and how the idea was developed. He stated that we had twelve students who had participated in this program through our partnership with Piedmont City Schools. He compared their scores with students who had completed the traditional semester long clinical experience. In almost every category the scores were higher for those students who participated in the yearlong program. He stated that a number of universities are moving in that direction. Ms. Ray discussed some of the reports from the participating students, the cooperating teachers, and the university supervisors.

IV. CO-TEACHING

Dr. John Hammett

Dr. Hammett discussed the research that supports the co-teaching model. He discussed recent conferences he had attended that dealt with the topic. He stated that students who were exposed to this concept showed a dramatic rise in their test scores. Dr. Hammett discussed the workshop our college is doing next week on this topic. He said the goal was to be able to train faculty in the various school systems that could then train faculty in their local system. He said one of his goals was to eventually be able to send all of our interns into students where they will be in a co-

teaching environment. He sees this as another positive step along with the 21st Century Classroom and the yearlong clinical experience initiatives.

V. PRE-SERVICE TEACHER VIDEOS

Dr. Jordan Barkley
Ms. Ronda Ray

Dr. Hammett asked Dr. Barkley and Ms. Ray to discuss the possibility of video taping our students in the classrooms. Ms. Ray discussed a pilot program that our college was using where students were allowed to video themselves in the classroom and then download it into a program that contained embedded grading rubrics for evaluation of the video. It also allows for selecting particular clips that can be taken and used to illustrate both good and bad habits. Dr. Barkley discussed the potential advantages of the program and how it meets all of the required privacy standards. He also discussed how he would like to see it implemented into our college beginning this Fall.

VI. CURRICULUM UPDATES

Dr. Jordan Barkley

Dr. Hammett asked Dr. Barkley to go over any curriculum changes. Dr. Barkley said there were not any major changes that had recently taken place. He said we are required to submit all of our state approved programs by next July. He said we would be spending much of this next year reevaluating all of our graduate and undergraduate certification programs. He said that there was thinking of reducing the amount of hours from 128 to 120. He stated that the Elementary Collaborative degree would not be continued. He said they would be moving to a P-12 Collaborative program instead of a stand-alone Elementary and Secondary program. There was a great deal of discussion about the Special Education component.

VII. EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Dr. Tommy Turner
Dr. Bill Kisor

Dr. Hammett asked Dr. Turner and Dr. Kisor to discuss changes in the Instructional Leadership Program. Dr. Kisor stated that one recent change was the move to an online Master's Program in Instructional Leadership. He stated that next year they would have an online EDS Program in Instructional Leadership. He also discussed a new program for Teacher Leaders. This program is for those who work with both teachers and students. He stated that these programs are appearing nationwide. He stated that JSU had been approved for this program beginning in the Fall. He discussed the requirements for it. He stated that it would be a thirty-hour program and would be totally online. Dr. Turner discussed a handout on the Educational Specialist Level Courses.

VIII. IN-SERVICE CENTER

Dr. Kelly Ryan

Dr. Hammett asked Dr. Ryan to discuss issues related to the In-Service Center. He discussed the possibility of having future workshops on online course design. He stated that one program they were having on June 11th was on Safe and Civil Schools. This would be a workshop on bullying in the school. Anyone who would like to attend can contact Dr. Ryan. He said they would be offering a study tour of the D-Day museum on June 13-15. He announced that the Gulf Coast Writing Conference would be on June 25-28. Each of our Superintendents will be given a

scholarship for that conference. He also said that on June 25 they would be having a one-day grant-writing workshop.

IX. ISSUES FROM SUPERINTENDENTS

Dr. Hammett asked the superintendents to share any issues they are currently facing or are concerned with in the future. A number of issues were discussed such as: funding for teacher positions, calendar changes, and charter schools.