

ASTL Advisory Meeting Minutes

02/06/19

Members in Attendance: Tracy Trumble, Beth Lasley, Alicia Pack-Thompson, Alicia Francis, Cindy Green, Ashleigh Castles

Faculty in Attendance: Rachelle Miller, Jeff Whittingham

The meeting took place online in a Zoom session.

The meeting began with all in attendance introducing themselves.

Dr. Whittingham led the group in constructing goals for the board.

The following goals were created:

- Board will review program curriculum and provide feedback
- Board will review annual reports and other assessment data and provide feedback
- Board will recommend program changes as necessary
- Board will be active advocates for the program

Dr. Whittingham presented the 2017 / 2018 ASTL Annual Report. The board discussed the report and no negative trends were noted..

Dr. Whittingham led a discussion of the proposed curriculum change of adding an EDDL track. The board was very excited to hear about the new EDDL specialist degree proposal. Dr Whittingham then asked the board for feedback on deleting tracks so the the program is not so cumbersome. The board agreed that the following tracks might be deleted: Writing Pedagogy, ESL, Career Orientation. All of these tracks can still be followed by following the generalist track should the need arise.

Dr. Whittingham led a discussion of the ASTL filed requirement. The board believed that the field was appropriate. One member recommended the summer graduates be advised earlier in the program that the final field must be done in the spring before summer graduation.

Dr. Whittingham advised the board that the low number of recent program completers led to no field survey data.

Dr. Whittingham led a discussion related to recruitment. The board made several suggestions:

- 1) The program should contact the ADE to discuss aligning the program to the new licensure structure

- 2) The program should contact local school districts to request information about the program being distributed to local schools. The board members volunteered to place flyers in their school's lounge area and bulletin boards.

Dr. Whittingham led a discussion of upcoming conferences and encouraged the board to promote UCA Media and Literacy Conference to be held at UCA in July.

The meeting adjourned.