

ASTL Advisory Meeting Minutes

04/11/2019

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

Faculty in Attendance: 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 reviewing the goals for the board.

The following goals were reviewed and discussed:

- 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 2018 / 2019 ASTL Annual Report. The board discussed the report and no negative trends were noted..

Dr. Whittingham updated the committee on the EDDL track. The track and the EDDL Ed.S. have both been approved. Courses will begin in the spring. Dr. Whittingham encouraged the committee to promote the new degree and new track in their school and among their colleagues. The committee suggested the program should reach out to ASTL graduates to promote the new Ed.S.

Dr. Whittingham led a discussion of the ASTL field requirements. The committee discussed field experiences and confirmed their continued support. The committee asked about the possibility of expanding the field experiences.

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

Dr. Whittingham informed the committee that the department is submitting paperwork to the Arkansas Department of Education to request the ASTL core be considered for meeting the requirement for the new state, teacher leader designation. The committee was in full support and saw the move as a good way to promote the program.

Dr. Whittingham led a discussion related to recruitment. The board suggested that the program could work with Virtual Arkansas and attend one of their online faculty meetings to promote the program.

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.