

ASTL Advisory Meeting Minutes

04/07/2021

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 2019-2020 ASTL Annual Report. The board discussed the report and no negative trends were noted..

Dr. Whittingham updated the committee on curriculum changes. The Teacher Leadership track revisions have been approved. This change occurred when the Department of Leadership Studies phased out and renamed two of the courses on that track. One course from that department was replaced and then two of the new EDDL courses were added. The committee was excited about this change. Dr. Whittingham also announced that the ASTL core had been approved by D.E.S.E for the Instructional Facilitator endorsement. This is one avenue for the LEAD certification. Because this change adds licensure for all ASTL students, the program will now be submitting annual reports to C.A.E.P. The committee was excited about this news and believes it will be a good marketing tool for the program.

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 led a discussion related to recruitment. He shared that the program had received a graduate recruitment grant from the graduate school. He asked for volunteers to conduct a virtual ASTL professional development event during the summer. It will consist of two PD sessions led by ASTL graduates and then a panel of ASTL graduate discussing the importance of teacher leadership. At the end, a Kindle will be given away to one participant. Members volunteer to help with this recruitment event.

The meeting adjourned.