

ASTL Advisory Meeting Minutes

04/24/2025

Members in Attendance: MaryAnna Merideth, Alicia Pack Thompson, Ashleigh Castles, Starla Hunter, Cindy Green, and Catherine Miller

Faculty in Attendance: Jeff Whittingham

The meeting took place online through Zoom.

The meeting began at 4:00.

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 2023 - 2024 ASTL Annual Report. The board discussed the report and no negative trends were noted.

The board approved the annual report.

Dr. Whittingham updated the committee on curriculum changes. We have moved away from tracks.

A. Emphasis Areas (15 hours required)

1. **Generalist / Content Area:**
Fifteen (15) education or content-related graduate hours approved by academic advisor
2. **Dyslexia Endorsement**
3. **English as a Second Language (ESL) Endorsement:**
4. **Gifted and Talented Endorsement:**
5. **Online Teaching Endorsement:**

The committee discussed the changes and agreed it was a good decision. Then they discussed the LEAD certification.

Dr. Whittingham led a discussion related to recruitment. The program has received a graduate recruitment grant. With those funds, the program has been focusing on social media ads outside the state in larger metropolitan areas.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50