

Meeting Notes – FAPEL Fall 2015 Meeting

University of Central Florida – Morgridge International Reading Center, Orlando

October 5, 2015

Welcome

FAPEL President Daniel Reyes Guerra greeted attendees and introduced UCF College of Education and Human Performance Dean Pamela Carroll, who welcomed meeting participants.

Daniel then addressed housekeeping issues and reviewed the agenda.

Attendees were asked to introduce themselves, then Daniel acknowledged the efforts of the FAPEL board in organizing the meeting and recognized the past presidents who were in attendance.

Presentations

FDOE Commissioner's Leadership Academy

Enrique Vela gave a report on the FDOE Commissioner's Leadership Academy, describing it as an "opportunity that exceeded what I anticipated." Enrique reported that the underlying mission is "to create a common language for instructional excellence across FL." The Academy utilizes a model and materials developed at the University of Washington, and participants learned to "break down" a classroom lesson to identify elements of interest (using a specific instrument). Of particular salience, in addition to skills development, Enrique feels that the Academy is producing a cadre of practicing leaders who will provide ongoing support to one another. Changes for the coming year include involving more P-12 leaders.

Questions from attendees included a request for additional information about the structure of the academy, for specific examples of lessons learned, and for insights into how the CLA might inform educational leadership programs in higher education.

State and National Initiatives/Issues

Daniel then provided updates on relevant state and national issues/initiatives

- ISLLC and ELCC standards
- Commissioners Leadership Academy
- Instructional Leadership Task Performance Committee
- FAPEL/FLDOE policy initiative
- FASA

Concurrent Sessions

Florida Department of Education

Brian Dassler

Brian discussed the FDOE's Big Hairy Audacious Goal (BHAG) and the Florida Value-Added Model (VAM).

Questions posed to Brian included requests for information regarding likely legislation on approval for educational leadership programs.

Suleyman Olgar

Suleyman discussed results from administration of FELE 3.0.

Phil Canto

Phil then discussed the unit's current and future work related to FELE 3.0.

Business Meeting

Daniel called the business meeting to order.

Treasurer's Report

Rhonda Blackwell-Flanagan delivered the treasurer's report. Rhonda also announced that she would be stepping down at the end of her term; Daniel recognized Rhonda's contributions in that role.

Nominating Committee

Rose Taylor presented the following slate of nominees offered by the nominating committee:

- President Elect – Jerry Johnson, University of West Florida
- Secretary – Fern Aefsky, Saint Leo University
- Treasurer – Olivia Hodges, USF – St. Petersburg

Motion to approve the slate of candidates was made, seconded, and approved.

Daniel then opened the floor for discussion of items from meeting/other items for consideration

- Julie Gray requested an opportunity at a future meeting for sharing of best practices related to FELE preparation.

- The question of whether we are a SPA (Specialized Professional Association) state led to discussion of specifics related to CAEP accreditation among Florida institutions.

Daniel offered a preview of Spring 2016 meeting - 1/19/16.

The FAPEL board determined that they will hold their BOD retreat on 6/24/15.