ESL Advisory Council: 2010 Agenda
MAEd/ESL for Teaching Adult Learners
University of Alabama at Birmingham
ESL Teacher Education Program
Feb. 9, 2010 (1:30-3:00); EB 226

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Today’s Objectives (meet requirements of SOE’s accreditation agency)
   - Expand Advisory Council
   - Provide update on last year’s recommendations.
   - Identify other needs to be targeted during the coming year

3. Summary from first ESL Advisory Council Meeting (2/10/09)
   Identified needs of ESL centers: staffing and ongoing professional development
   Support: ESL presentations at ALSDE conference for Adult Education (July 2009)
   B’ham Literacy Council’s conference for volunteer ESL instructors (10/30/09)
   Identified needs of UAB’s MAEd/ESL program: Practicum placements
   Pre-practicum experiences: observing and/or teaching (100 hours)
   Practicum: teaching and targeted observations (200 hours)
   Identified need for courses targeted on specific content for teaching ESL to adults
   Identified need for greater visibility of the non-certification MAEd/ESL

4. Update on progress
   Non-certification MAEd/ESL: 12 graduates to date (2006-09)
   Curriculum Task Force (has met as needed)
   Program Proposal
   Create a separate MAEd/ESL program
   Establish 3 Tracks: Traditional, Alternative, International
     NOTE: The current non-certification option becomes the International Track.
   Continue with 6 of the current courses
   EESL 610 Second language acquisition (fall & spring)
   EESL 615 Grammar for ESL Teachers (fall & summer)
   EESL 625 Phonology for ESL Grammar (fall & spring)
   EESL 627 Teaching adult learners (summer)
   EESL 697 ESL Practicum: Adult ELLs (fall & spring)
   GRD 704 Specialized Instruction: Shadowing (fall/spring/summer)
   Develop 5 new courses for the proposed International Track
   EESL 617 Teaching English within a Global Context (fall)
   EESL 637 Methods for Teaching English as an International Language (spring)
   EESL 647 Instruction and Assessment: Reading and Writing (fall)
   EESL 657 Instruction and Assessment: Listening and Speaking (spring)
   EESL 687 Practicum Seminar (summer)

5. What are your needs?
   Schools and Colleges
   Community Programs

6. How can UAB’s MAE/ESL program help you?
   School of Education’s ESL website: www.ed.uab.edu/esl
   Blue advising packet: non-certification MAEd/ESL

7. Actions and Plans
   Program Planning and Curriculum Task Force
   Possible member rotations on the Advisory Committee
   Plans for Next Meeting: What about Tuesday, February 8, 2011?
   Possible Topics for next meeting: Establishing subcommittees
     Evaluating quality of UAB’s ESL teacher education program
     Making recommendations to finetune MAEd/ESL program