Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Today’s Objectives (meet requirements of SOE’s accreditation agency)
   - Provide update on accomplishments since last year’s meeting
   - Identify needs and goals for the coming year

3. Summary from second ESL Advisory Council Meeting (2/09/10)
   Revisited needs of ESL centers: staffing and ongoing professional development
   Literacy Council’s second annual conference for volunteer ESL instructors (10/22/10)
   Discussed increased 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)
   Described progress of Task Force in designing curriculum for ESL teachers of adult learners
   Explained goal of creating a separate MAEd/ESL program

4. Update on progress
   Non-certification MAEd/ESL: 18 graduates to date (2006-11)
   Program Proposal
     Separate master’s degree with 3 tracks (traditional, alternative, international)
     UAB (SOE & Graduate School), UA System Trustees, AL Commission on Higher Education
   Curriculum developed by our Task Force
     6 former courses
       EESL 610 Second language acquisition: Fall & Spring (Monday evening)
       EESL 615 Grammar for ESL Teachers: Fall (Wednesday evening) & Summer (1-week)
       EESL 625 Phonology for ESL Grammar: Fall (Tuesday evening) & Spring (Saturday)
       EESL 627 Teaching adult learners: May (Tuesday/Thursday evening & Saturday)
       EESL 697 ESL Practicum: Adult ELLs: Fall/Spring (TBA)
       GRD 704 Specialized Instruction: Shadowing: fall/spring/summer (TBA)
     5 new courses
       EESL 617 Teaching English in a Global Context: Fall (online)
       EESL 637 Methods for Teaching English as an International Language: Spring (Thurs.)
       EESL 647 Instruction and Assessment: Reading and Writing: Fall (Monday)
       EESL 657 Instruction and Assessment: Listening and Speaking: Spring (Monday)
       EESL 687 Practicum Seminar in Adult English Language Teaching: June (Tu/Th & Sat)
   Responses to needs that were expressed last year
     Projects: Briarwood (curriculum assessment), St. Francis Xavier (design & implementation)
     Partnership: Literacy Council (Board meeting, United Way allocation, Literacy award)
   International Linkages: First scholarship student from abroad (Mexico)

5. What are current needs?
   UAB: Placements for Pre-Practicum, Practicum, & EESL 610 students
   Promotion of International Track (as of June 2011)
   Schools, Colleges, and Community Programs: …

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

7. Actions and Plans
   Pending implementation of International Track (fall 2011)
   3-year rotation of Advisory Council members (recommendations for successors)
   Plans for Next Meeting: What about Tuesday, February 14, 2012? Or a different day of the week?
   Possible Topics for next meeting:
     Evaluating initial experiences of the International Track
     Making recommendations to finetune new curriculum