



FCS/Consumer Studies Advisory Committee

Minutes for Approval 3/30/10

March 26, 2010

9:00-11:00 a.m.

19B-3

Members Attending:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Tom Cai CSUN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pastor Herrera Consumer Advocate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nathan Ortega Yokohama Tire	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wendy Reiboldt CSULB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Karen Varcoe UC Riverside Extension
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tasneem Dadabhoy Alta Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lisa Ledeboer Mt. SAC	<input type="checkbox"/>	Darma Paden Mt. SAC	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rigoberto Reyes LA County DCA	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stewart Wolfenson Ansafone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Terri Faraone Mt. SAC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eduardo Martinez ClearPoint CCS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rich Patterson Mt. SAC	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lina Soto Mt. SAC	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Espie Hernandez LA County Department of Consumer Affairs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dan McGeough Mt. SAC	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

Topic	Updates/Discussion	Outcome
1. The purpose of Advisory Committees.	<p><i>The purpose of the advisory committee is to help ensure that Career and Technical Education programs reflect the needs and current conditions of the workplace. The committee also provides information to help assess if graduates are capable of performing the occupations for which they have been trained. (Mt. San Antonio College Advisory Committee Handbook 2009-10 p. 3)</i></p> <p>Attendees shared what a trend and/or a challenge for their company/agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Espie Hernandez:</i> Many displaced workers in their 40s and 50s going back to school to get skills to re-enter the workforce; LA DCA is always busy • <i>Eduardo Martinez:</i> Clearpoint is referring a lot of clients to LA DCA and HUD. Main focus for him right now is working with the media regarding consumer financial issues; Clearpoint is hiring bankruptcy staff • <i>Karen Varcoe:</i> Continues her consumer education work statewide developing materials for teens & limited resource audiences (http://moneytalks4teens.ucdavis.edu/); New module: "Should I Be Working?"; UC faculty are on furlough of 4-10% of their salary. • <i>Pastor Herrera:</i> Has now been retired 3 months from the LA DCA, but continues to be active in the field of consumer affairs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ He attended the Consumer Federation of America (CFA) Conference in D.C. recently and shared issues presented at the conference: How will new health legislation be implemented? Financial Regulatory Issues; Continued concerns about student rip-offs from private post-secondary colleges and universities where; Pew Research top public priorities: #1 economy, #2 jobs, #3 terrorism, #4 Social Security, #5 education, #6 Medicare. (for complete list: http://people-press.org/report/584/policy-priorities-2010) 	
2. Current curriculum projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consumer Relations Certificate #L1321 has been approved at Mt. SAC and has been sent on to the Chancellor's Office for approval. 	
3. Work experience: What can we do for our business & government agency partners?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Espie: would like to visit FCS 51/Consumer Skills, Issues & Strategies this fall at the beginning of the term to promote work experience opportunities for students at LA DCA • Eduardo: possible work experience at ClearPoint • Karen: possible work experience in East LA and Riverside 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa to contact Eduardo and Karen about work experience opportunities
4. VTEA 10/11 proposal (due 4/12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of how VTEA funding has helped the FCS/Consumer program in past years • Lisa stated that main funding requests for 2010/11 would be for professional development and curriculum development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa needs to complete the FCS/Consumer Studies program's VTEA funding proposal and submit it by 4/12 deadline
5. Realignment: Fall 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa announced that the FCS/Consumer Studies program is merging with the Child Development department Fall 2010 to create a lifespan development department that will also include the future programs of Family Studies and Gerontology. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Much work to be done beginning Fall 2010. The advisory committee will be utilized as a resource in curriculum development
6. Summary of recommendations	The FCS/Consumer Studies Advisory Committee adjourned at 10:00 and members were invited to join in the Child Development Advisory Mtg.	
Issue Bin/Future Agenda:		

