

## Dance Teacher Certificate Advisory Committee Minutes

December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Present: Patrice Barakat, Alice Chien, Dove Dellos, Alyssa Gramer, Lee Martino, Amy Nakamura, Janna Van Horn, John Vaughan

Absent: Francisco Gella

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:07pm

### **Announcement of the State Approved Dance Teacher Certificate**

- Updated brochures were distributed (see attachment)
- What this means for students (certificate will now appear on transcript) and the timeline involved to attain a certificate
- Discussion of the 4.5 unit increase from the local certificate as suggested by the committee and dance department faculty in prior meetings
- Discussion of Audition Skills and Techniques course that was suggested but did not make it into the certificate due to the timing of curriculum mandates. At this point, the certificate would have to be amended to include course. Amy is looking into the process.

### **Apprentice Program**

- Discussion of what studio owners see as a successful transition for the certificate students
- Sub lists were suggested to give students extra experience
- Creation of an organized list of student teachers and their teaching specialties was suggested

### **Discussion of Teaching Portfolios**

- Input was offered on suggestions for resumes, teaching objectives and choreography reel
- Sample interview questions were collected and organized
- Presentation of portfolios and in person introductions were encouraged and discussed

-Discussion of qualifications that studio owners would like teaching candidates to have (recital choreography, competition choreography, professional experience, education, knowledge of the body and injury prevention and classroom assisting)

### **Announcements**

-Francisco Gella's studio *Neuvo* closed its doors this Fall. He will be touring the country teaching ballet and contemporary dance and will be replaced by Alyssa Gramer, owner of *Stagelight Studios* in Brea.

-A Dance Teaching Facebook page was created for the purpose of posting dance teacher articles and to connect studio owners and faculty with potential instructors.

### **Tour of Dance and Pilates facilities**