

Gender Equity Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2012

10:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Illinois State Board of Education

4th floor Webinar Room

100 North 1st Street, Springfield, IL 62777

Welcome & Introductions

Debbie Hopper called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. along with a welcome to everyone on behalf of Chair Sandy Westlund-Deenihan.

Members present (* denotes electronic attendance): Wendy Howerter, Penny Lauritzen, Ruth Sweetser*, Debbie Hopper, Julia Ann Oglesby, Dian Albert*

Guests: Michael Cermak*.

A quorum of members is established.

Approval of the Minutes-Wendy Howerter made a motion to approve the November 4, 2011 minutes. Ruth Sweetser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ISBE Update-Debbie Hopper reported on the following initiatives:

- Illinois Pathways Initiative kickoff has held in Bloomington on February 9, 2012 with additional information available at www.illinoisworknet.com/ilpathways.
- CTE Special Populations Leadership Project has completed two activities. The statewide Education for Employment meeting and a pre-service CTE teacher training. (Ruth Sweetser recommended the Harvard Implicit Bias self test
- ISBE continues to work with the National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity (NAPE). The reauthorization of Perkins, specifically the nontraditional measures is continues to be of focus. NAPE continues to educate and work to make sure the members of congress are aware of these measure needs.
- NAPE Conference is April 16-19 in Arlington, VA. Conference has grown and continues to be able to host members of OVAE as participants.
- Progressing to roll out FY13 grant applications. Anticipate receiving the actual Perkins reduced amount from OVAE the end of February.

Partner Updates and Initiatives

Motorola Solutions Grant-Debbie Hopper noted Sandy Westlund-Deenihan has been working on this project with schools in Elgin.

Illinois Girls Collaborative Project(IGCP)-Penny Lauritzen shared that a leadership team will work to direct the activities. This project is connected to the National Girls Collaborative Project (www.ngcproject.org). IGCP is focused on networking to make sure other entities are aware of projects going on for young women, particularly in the STEM career tracks. Current work includes the creation of a leadership board and connection to outside business'. A conference is anticipated.

Ruth Sweetser noted that from 2005-2009 Ed Labs worked in partnership with AAUW nationally to launch the National Girls Collaborative Project. A major goal was to identify the girls serving stem programs, projects, and events in the k-12 arena into a national directory. Project has been re-upped by the National Science Foundation to Ed Labs. The project is growing and has expanded its focus to any underrepresented group with a goal to identify everything that pertains to increasing traction to participation, education, and persistence into a STEM career.

Illinois Agri-Women-Penny Lauritzen reported the Women Changing the Face of Agriculture conference is March 9, 2012. Student registration has closed due to space is filled with over 450

registered students. Ninety to one-hundred ladies are registered to present their career tracks to attendees throughout the day. Katie Pratt will be the keynote speaker.

Discussion of how to increase awareness of nontraditional opportunities available nationally/globally to school counselors was held.

Other Partner Updates

Ruth Sweetser shared that the AAUW branch in the western suburbs has developed a Dare to Dream and a fall STEM conference for Latina's.

Julia Ann Oglesby shared that the Illinois Association for Career and Technical Educators (IACTE) conference will be held in Normal February 16-17, 2012. She will be presenting on response to intervention and encouraged support for organizational survival.

Connections Conference is March 14-15, 2012 at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles.

A pre-session to the Connections Conference will be held March 13 for pre-service CTE senior and their university faculty. It will include facets of Road-trip Nation, a special populations question and answer panel, and creating welcome and equitable lessons/environments.

Old Business

GEAC Submitted Advice 2005-present. Debbie Hopper shared a working document that identified workgroups developed within the GEAC and advice that was submitted/actions currently. Discussion led to suggestion to include a standing item of the agenda to how the information/resources shared at GEAC meetings may utilized.

Strategies for Improving Performance/Non Traditional Performance Measures Workgroup- Michael Cermak reviewed a section of the statewide EFE meeting brochure that evolved out of the study of the CTE report card. Several items were unveiled among the workgroup members along with notification that additional work is needed to complete possible identified trends. Workgroup would like to continue to look at trends including the anticipated release of the FY11 CTE report card.

Next steps

- The Strategies for Improving Performance/Non Traditional Performance Measures Workgroup will continue to analyze the data.
- Ruth Sweetser suggested continued to learning about the development of the Illinois Pathway Initiative to identify equity links that may commonly exist.
- Next Meeting: September 14, 2012, Chicago ISBE Office

Adjournment

Debbie Hopper thanked everyone for their participation. Penny Lauritzen moved to adjourned. Motion was seconded and meeting was adjourned at 11:45.