

# MINUTES

## School of Education / Global Advisory Committee

April 10, 2024, 4:00 pm

### Liberty University Teams Meeting

**Required Attendees:** Laurie Rice (LU), Dutko, Julie (GAC Chair), Don Raleigh, Nancy DeJarnette (LU), Goodwin, Michelle (LU)

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** Deb Samuelson (NY, Faith Heritage), Ginny Shank (LU), Christina Germain (LU), Carmen Dust (LU), Hite, Jessica (LU), Rick Baine (VA, Rockbridge County Schools), McHale, Margaret (LU), Seroyer, Chelonda (DeKalb Schools), Troy Moore (NC, Calvary Christian Academy), Joanna Richter (MN, Maranatha Christian Academy), Phil Bassett (ISC), Kerry Bowles (LU), Battige, Sandra (LU), Shank, Ginny (LU), Ines Gygax (Ashton School), David, Rachel (Mustangs), Germaine, Christina (LU), Moore, Troy, Brown, Jamie; Bennett, Christopher (LCPS), Sam Smith (LU), Patti, Yoon (LU)

**Recorded by:** Carmen Durst

#### Handout Materials

- QR Code for feedback

**Presider: Dr. Laurie Rice, Associate Dean**

#### Old Business Items:

- None

#### New Business Items:

- I. Introduction: Dr. Rice shared the QR code for Partner feedback
- II. Greetings – Dr. Julie Dutko – GAC Chair  
(Supervisor of Professional/Staff Development – Cherokee County School District, GA)
- III. Welcome from the Dean of the School of Education: Dr. Don Raleigh
  - a. Shared appreciation for our partners and their feedback
  - b. Shared value of student teachers in school systems
- IV. Partner Resources – Goodwin
  - A. List of Graduates
    - a. A way for us to be mutually beneficial.
  - B. Link to Convocation Speakers: <https://www.liberty.edu/osd/lu-stages/convocation/>
    - a. Highlighted Tony Dungee and Karyn Kingsbury
    - b. Mentioned these would be great to share with teachers and coaches on staff.
  - C. Introduction for Meg McHale, Assistant Director for VA Partnerships
    - a. Meg McHale shared her background and how happy she is to support VA partners.

V. Partner Visits – Raleigh

- a. Spoke about his visits to the below locations and welcomed other invites. Talked about the importance of having boots on the ground and seeing firsthand the needs in schools.
  - A. Forest Elementary
  - B. Bedford Hills Elementary
  - C. Amherst High School
  - D. Brookneal Elementary

VI. SOE Accolades – Goodwin

A. Scholarships

- a. Dr. Goodwin shared the names of students who were awarded the Barlow scholarship and TEAA scholarship.

B. Teachers of Promise

- a. Dr. Goodwin shared how 8 students were chosen to go to Richmond and attend workshops with teacher of the year.

VII. Recruitment & Retention Committee Update – Rice

- a. Dr. Rice mentioned the biggest barrier to licensure is teacher exams.
- b. Dr. DeJarnette applied for grants for 240 tutoring.
- c. Reviewing data of Praxis sub score data to determine whether curriculum adjustment is needed.
- d. 93 students are being partnered with other mentor upperclassmen for program support.
  - i. Looking to pilot this program with online students as well.

XII. Data Sharing – DeJarnette

A. VEAC Employer Survey- shared data as part of accreditation requirements.

- a. Liberty graduates out scored the state in multiple sections.
- b. Liberty advanced candidates received high remarks from employers.

B. Program Evaluation by School Mentors

- a. Dr. DeJarnette highlighted data points where Liberty grads are doing well.

XIII. Roundtable Discussion and Feedback – Raleigh

A. Dr. Raleigh provided four questions as discussion starters.

- a. Rick Bain responded in the chat regarding helping teachers navigate next steps when a lesson plan is not successful.
- b. Deb Samuelson provided feedback regarding teaching teachers to know how to reach different types of students in a classroom.
- c. Chelonda Seroya mentioned the importance of reminding teacher candidates that their feedback given from the CT is for their benefit and it is okay not be perfect.
- d. Dr. Dutko provided information regarding how her school system is tackling AI.
- e. Dr. Bassett- gave feedback regarding assessments and mentioned how well Liberty University students are doing based on survey results. Mentioned we need to find ways to enhance our programs using AI and not only finding ways to prevent it.
  - i. Dr. Goodwin put a video in the chat regarding the use of AI
- f. Dr. Raleigh mentioned how we need to prepare students for tomorrow not for the past. He also mentioned the new tech simulation lab and invited partners to come and see it.

IX. SOE Partnership Satisfaction Survey – DeJarnette

- a. Dr. DeJarnette gave another opportunity for partners to fill out the feedback form using the QR code.

X. Closing – Raleigh

- a. Emphasized that schools are our mission field, and we want to make sure our teachers are prepared. Dr. Raleigh thanked everyone for their time and for their partnership.

**Adjourned: 4:58 PM**