College of Education
Clinical Associates Meeting
Minutes

October 25, 2010 – 3:30- 5:00
October 28, 2010 – 4:00-5:30

Attendees October 25: Melissa Bazemore, Missy Bennett, Greg Chamblee, Carole Counts, Ashley Crosby, Jincy Fordham, Susan Franks, Joyce Jamerson, Terri Johnson, Angie Joyner, Beth Kight, Gina Knight, Maggie LaMontagne, Elaine Lewis, Paula McCormick, Nancy Moseley, Elizabeth Moxley, Betty Nelson, Gilda Rackley, Judi Robbins, Ginny Smith, Glenn Smith, Kelly Spence, Sylvia Tremble, Becky Truluck

Attendees October 28: Missy Bennett, Greg Chamblee, Virginia Everett, Susan Franks, Pam Goodman, Shannon Heard, Missy Jenkins, Beth Lamb, Betty Nelson, Christie Page, Nora Quill, Judi Robbins, Marti Schriver, Regina Tabor, Julie Vaughn,

Introduction of new Clinical Associates (CA): Ashley Crosby, Angie Joyner, Gina Knight, Kelly Spence, Regina Tabor

Field Experience Reports – Brief discussion on Fall 2009, Spring 2010 and Fall 2010 field placements. There were over 1800 documented placements for the 2009/2010 academic year.

Field Experience Updates:
- Criminal Background Checks now only report convictions. New faculty in the College of Education must undergo a background check as a condition of employment. Many faculty members who were in place before this policy began have not had a background check. CA’s were asked to let Pat Parsons know if this posed a problem for their school system.
- Intervention Steps were discussed, with the focus being on early intervention. CA’s were asked to encourage Clinical Supervisors (CS) to carefully document all infractions and concerns.
- Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC) on Georgia Southern University’s campus supports Georgia Southern students with disabilities. Schools must accommodate the needs of students who provide written confirmation of their disabilities, but schools should not lower their standards.
- Substitute Teachers – Teacher candidates MUST have a certified substitute in the classroom. Teacher candidates cannot serve as the substitute, but can be alone in the classroom as long as their CS is in the school.
- Facebook – CA’s were asked to encourage CS’s not to befriend teacher candidates on Facebook.
- School Lists – The Office of Undergraduate Teacher Education sends school lists out before each semester begins to confirm placements for that semester. CA’s were encouraged to share this information with their CS’s.
- Clinical Supervisor Surveys will be sent out in early January to get CS’s feedback on working with Georgia Southern University students.
• **Art Education** is no longer a program at Georgia Southern University. Please make sure your art CS’s are aware of this.

• **Spring 2010 Student Teacher Requests** – Early childhood requests have been sent. All other programs will be sent by November 5th.

• **Stipends** for Fall 2010 should be in November paychecks.

**Special Education Program Update** – Betty Nelson and Maggie LaMontagne gave a brief update of the Special Education program, both undergraduate and graduate. Two years of data on the program’s 6 key assessments were discussed.

Meeting ended with clinical associates meeting with program coordinators to review program data and to share and discuss program updates.