

SUED Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2011
Ohio Resource Center
Columbus, Ohio

Present: Renée A. Middleton (Ohio University)-Chair, Ginny Keil (University of Toledo), Mark Shermis (University of Akron), Dick Hurwitz (Cleveland State University), Donna Hanby (Wright State University), Mary Ellen Bargerhuff (Wright State University), Paul Madden (Shawnee State University), Charlotte Harris (Wright State University), Teresa McGowan (University of Miami), Melissa Chase (University of Miami), Mary Lou DiPillo (Youngstown State University), Regina Sapona (University of Cincinnati), Dan Mahoney (Kent State University), Cheryl Achterberg (The Ohio State University), Beverly Schmoll (University of Toledo), Connie Patterson (Ohio University)

Guests: Joni Hoffman, Steve Tate (Office of Community Schools, ODE), Richard Lewis (Ohio School Boards Association)

Executive Session

Chair Middleton called the meeting to order and the SUED membership approved the May minutes. SUED members expressed their thanks to Dr. Middleton for serving as SUED Chair and welcomed Dr. Paul Madden as the next chair.

Dr. Charlotte Harris made a motion to nominate Dr. Daniel Mahoney for SUED Chair-Elect which was seconded by Dr. Mark Shermis. The vote was unanimous. The SUED Executive Committee includes Dr. Renée Middleton- SUED Immediate Past-President, Dr. Paul Madden- SUED Chair, and Dr. Daniel Mahoney- SUED Chair-Elect.

The SUED website recognizes Ms. Brenda Frankart as the Outstanding Graduate. She is from Bowling Green State University. The next outstanding graduate will be from Youngstown State University. While AACTE has not done anything with the information, SUED will continue to send the Outstanding Graduate materials to them. These materials are supposed to be posted at the Ohio Board of Regents as well but this has not happened yet. Letters are also sent to the legislative contact list. All materials should be sent to the SUED chair who will work with Brian DeHoff to post to the SUED website.

Dr. Mary Lou DiPillo queried the members about how their institutions were responding to the new federal regulations beginning in July that will require IHEs to report information on certificate programs with 27+ semester hours; this does not include licensure programs. The first report is due in October. Data for these reports include graduation rates, fees/tuition, cost of books, anticipated debt, etc. Conversations with university attorneys are occurring at various IHEs. The intention of the report is to ensure that people are not being taken advantage of by some of the for-profit institutions. Dr. Regina Sapona has some further information on this and agreed to send that information to Chair Middleton for disbursement to the group.

Dr. Marilyn Troyer has left the Ohio Department of Education to take a position at Ashland University. ODE is currently conducting phone interviews with approximately ten applicants to fill the position for the next State Superintendent of Education. SUED will need to identify someone from ODE to attend SUED meetings. Dr. John Soloninka was recommended is the only person left who has institutional memory in working with SUED.

Community School/ Higher Education Partnerships

Ms. Joni Hoffman and Mr. State Tate from the ODE Office of Community Schools discussed the opportunity for state universities to sponsor community schools. Currently, BGSU is the only state university that sponsors a community school. Ms. Hoffman and Mr. Tate discussed what community schools are, how they were created, the number of community schools in Ohio, the role of sponsors, the role of the governing authority, and the different types of university partnerships. The practical role of the sponsor would be to provide technical assistance, monitor the school to ensure they are following the laws and regulations, and review their financial operations. Preschools are not eligible to be community schools.

Two types of community schools are 'new start ups' and 'conversions'. The law is changing about 'new start up' schools to include more low performing schools who are in either academic watch or academic emergency.

Question: Do STEM schools count as community schools?

Response: No, but community schools can have a STEM focus.

Question: Can IHEs partner with more than one community school?

Response: Yes. IHEs apply for sponsor approval and then people approach them who may be interested in starting a partnership.

There was expressed concern from various SUED members about the amount of work it takes to partner with a community school as well as the burden of problems that fall on the shoulders of the IHE dean, particularly the College of Education dean.

Additional information can be found on the ODE's website: www.ode.state.oh.us, click on the School Options tab, and then click on Community Schools. Interested parties may also contact Ms. Hoffman at joni.hoffman@ode.state.oh.us or Mr. Tate at steve.tate@ode.state.oh.us

Ohio School Boards Association

Dr. Richard Lewis, Executive Director for the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) stated that OSBA is a non-profit organization that represents more than 700 publically elected school board members. OSBA services include legislative advocacy, training and development, etc. Their primary goal this year is to continue the organization's goal of advancing public education through outreach to Higher Education.

Dr. Lewis expressed his organization's willingness and desire to better partner with Higher Education. Some ideas from SUED included having discussions about the Teacher Residency and the TPA, having representatives from OSBA periodically attend SUED (and have representatives from SUED attend OSBA meetings), and distributing pertinent information via their newsletter and periodicals.

Dr. Lewis discussed the OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show scheduled for November 13-16, 2011. Some SUED institutions are presenting at the conference. Dr. Lewis is seeing if it is possible for the 2012 conference to have a SUED panel or a ½ day workshop that might discuss current education initiatives such as the TPA or Residency.

Dr. Lewis also is willing to distribute IHE/SUED information to his members via the new member packets, webinars, digital learning opportunities, etc. OSBA could also provide IHEs with their database of principals' contacts.

OSBA also has three full time lobbyists who if SUED and OSBA worked together could communicate mutual goals to the legislature.

The SUED Executive Committee along with Dr. Donna Hanby and Dr. Sandy Stroot will meet with OSBA sometime in June to work towards a better relationship as it relates to the TPA and Residency. Additional parties at the meeting will include representatives from treasurers, elementary and secondary school principals, the ESCs, and the superintendent organizations. Ms. Candy Johnson will coordinate the schedules.

The next SUED meeting is scheduled in August 4, 2011. SUED meetings will continue to be the first Thursday of every month. As usual, SUED will meet at the OCTEO conference which will serve as the October meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.