

## PTECC (Professional Technical Education Coordinating Committee)

## PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE SELF EVALUATION

**Program Committee Name:** ESL/IESL

**Advisory Committee Members** 

Springfield Public Schools

Lane ESD

Division Chair: Cathy Lindsley
Committee Chair: Annick Todd
Advisory Chair Ilana Sophia

Committee Review Date and Time: February 14, 2006, 7:30 am

Rating Scale: E=Excellent ME=Meets Expectations NI=Needs Improvement
NA=Not Applicable +\*=Performance deemed exemplary by Committee

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| N/A  | Committee Accomplishments  |
| 1 A.   | 1) Describe your advisory committee and what types of businesses or organizations are represented in your committee. 2) How many are in your committee? 3) How often do you meet?                                  |
|  | <u>Description</u> :  The ESL Advisory Committee consists of 12 members who represent social services, government and businesses in the community.  The Advisory committee:  |
|  | <ul> <li>Fosters community connections to organizations and business that also work with<br/>our students.</li> </ul>  |
|  | <ul> <li>Identify potential students who are not currently being served in our program</li> <li>Create a network of businesses and organizations supportive of the activities and goals of the program.</li> </ul> |
|  | <ul> <li>Market the benefits of program and course offerings, differentiating from others<br/>on the local and state levels.</li> </ul>  |
|  | <ul> <li>Enrich opportunities for students through the identification of strategies for<br/>strengthening the current ESL program.</li> </ul>  |
|  | Types of Businesses/Organizations Represented  Legal Aid Service of Lane County, Inc.  |
|  | <ul> <li>University of Oregon High School Equivalency Program</li> <li>Hynix Semiconductor Manufacturing America</li> </ul>  |
|  | <ul><li>Sacred Heart</li><li>Eugene Public Library</li></ul>   |
|  | <ul> <li>Oregon Adventure</li> <li>Korean Central Covenant Church</li> </ul>   |
|  | Lane Aviation Academy Springfield School District  |
|  | <ul> <li>School District 4-J</li> <li>Forest Machines Wood Products</li> </ul>   |
|  | - Forest Machines Wood Floducts  |

## Number of Committee Members: 12 regular members & 2 ex-officio members Frequency of Meetings:

- Monthly (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday afternoon, 1-2:30 p.m. at Eugene Library)
- 1 B. What are 3-5 outcomes that have been accomplished by your committee?
  - Brought together people from the community that didn't know about the services; increased networking opportunities among members and between LCC and the members
  - Identified communities we want represented
  - Helped ESL move from DTC to MC and community relations; transition group
  - Advocated for our budget;
  - Identified funding sources in the community
  - Provided LCC/ESL instruction for employees at Hynix (contract services); inhouse lower-level ESL instruction
  - Provided connections with Russian sister-city delegations Identified mentors in community for Trade Act students
  - Brought Summer IESL groups
  - Gave new perspectives that staff might not have had; provided input from various parts of community that we wouldn't otherwise talk to
  - Kept ESL from being isolated; empowered ESL because community has power to make things happen.
- 1 C. How did your advisory committee help with achieving those goals?
  - Attended regular meetings
  - Agreed to take on tasks (action items) then reported back to the committee
  - Shared information with their networks of contacts
- 1 D. Describe your committee efforts in developing and generating community support.
  - Suggested community mentors for Trade Act students
  - Helped facilitate daytime program move from Downtown Center to 30<sup>th</sup> Ave.
     campus
  - Suggested transition committee for the move
  - Raised community awareness of who isn't involved in Lane ESL and who could use services
  - Members take information back to constituents about how ESL serves Lane County and its diversity
  - Generates support for ESL students by learning about committee members involvement in community efforts. (ex. Emilio Hernandez & Centro Latino/UO; Maurie Denner & United Way, Ilana Sophia & Eugene City Library.)
- 1 E. What do you think are the committee members' strengths and weaknesses?

## Strengths

- Membership is diverse in its experience, ethnic origins, interests, and organizations it represents
- Members represent for-profit businesses, non-profit agencies and local government.
- Hynix has access to 1,000-plus employees (many English language learners) and has access to English instruction
- Members promote program to employees and people they meet
- Members are connected to many avenues.
- Most use e-mail, so work can be accomplished outside face-to-face meetings.
   Weaknesses:
- There is a lack of some areas of representation: ethnic groups such as Arabian,

Japanese; Chinese; particular agencies such as police department, public safety, LCC enrollment services; Kristina Brown from Employment Dept, someone from CentroLatino (Emilio for now), someone from LCC culinary arts; someone from wood products; Trus Joist; Weyerhaeuser, other employers of English language learners, and maybe someone from state govt. Don Danielson will talk to United Way. Becky suggested someone in Recreation who has contact with teens.) Time conflicts: Many partners have difficulties finding time to meet. Positions tend to be part-time time with heavy schedule requirements. Advisory committee keeps broad e-mail list to help with info dissemination. N/A Committee Involvement in Planning and Design 2 A. What is the committee's involvement for keeping your program "state of the industry?" The ESL Program brings curriculum organization, content and process options to committee. Committee members give feedback that is taken into consideration when program makes decisions. The ESL Program and committee emphasize student access to program (i.e. transportation; visa problem troubleshooting, etc.) 2 B. What staff development does the committee suggest your staff needs to meet future program skill needs? Committee supports ESL staff's professional development request for training on: Using technology in teaching and learning Current research about language learning (stay current) Challenges faced by English Language learning community and resources available to help our students How to help students make transition to further training and education Recruitment/retention Quality assessment for student learning and program evaluation Information on population and economic trends 2 C. What is your committee's involvement in planning and design of the program? The Department is currently redesigning curriculum. Staff have brought progress reports to the committee and also asked them for input along the way. N/A Gender, Disability Adaptation, and Diversity 3 A. How has your committee encouraged gender balance and diversity in your program student population? N/A The ESL Program is very diverse and has a good balance of genders represented in both the program and the committee. How does your committee assist students with special needs to successfully reach 3 B. program outcomes? Committee awareness of program strategies: •ESL provides tutors Connects students to ABSE as a resource Helps student who aren't "officially diagnosed" as learning disabled learn to adapt and advocate for their own needs **Program Demand / Enrollment** N/A 4 A. 1) What does your committee think of regional projections and how are you dealing with this? 2) What does your committee say about these and local needs?

|      | Growing need for English language learning instruction for adults, while resources available are level or reduced.  • Growing population in the rural areas  |
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|      | <ul> <li>Need for child care resources for ESL students and for access to more Lane<br/>student support services (health center)</li> </ul>  |
| 4 B. | Describe the enrollment trends and capacity in your program?   |
|      | H:\Coop\ See attached: Departmental Docum  |
| N/A  | Placement / Employment   |
| 5 A. | How would your committee rate the exit math, writing, and interpersonal skills of students who complete your program?  |
|      | See retention/success data from federal program reportt  |
| 5 B. | How does your committee know that the students are graduating with the appropriate skills and level needed by the employers?   |
|      | Reviews data from federal report.  |
| 5 C. | How does your committee follow-up with your graduates or transfers?  |
|      | No process currently. We would be interested in ideas about processes  |
| 5 D. | 1) What are the outcomes (placement rate, transfer, etc.) of those students who participate in your program? 2) How is your advisory committee involved?   |
|      | <ul> <li>No data except student self-report &amp; data on students' reasons for leaving the program.</li> <li>Committee is not involved in determining participation outcomes. We would be interested in ideas about processes.</li> </ul>                         |
| N/A  | Secondary / Postsecondary Connections  |
| 6 A. | 1) How does your program connect with high schools? 2) Is your committee involved?   |
|      | <ul> <li>We currently serve some high school students (older than 16) who attend evening classes</li> <li>Program focus is on serving adults (out of K-12)</li> <li>Advisory committee members who have experience in K-12 assist us with communication</li> </ul> |
|      | Questions for the PTECC Interview Committee  |
| 7 A. | 1) What questions do you have for us? 2) How can we support you?   |
|      | More training/mentoring on best practices in use of advisory committees. How do we set goals/measurable outcomes that match the time/energy available for our busy advisory committee members.      Dravide some system less of goals advisory committee "goals".  |
|      | Provide some examples of good advisory committee "goals"   |