

**Advisory Council: 2009 Agenda**  
**MAE/ESL for Teaching Adult Learners**

**University of Alabama at Birmingham**  
**ESL Teacher Education Program**  
**February 10, 2009 (1:30-3:00)**  
**EB 237**

**Agenda**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Today's Objectives**

- Identify needs of diverse ESL programs throughout the community
- Hear ideas about how UAB's MAE/ESL can better serve in meeting your needs.
- Better understand how to prepare excellent teachers in teaching ESL to adult ELLs
- Meet the Advisory Council requirement of SOE's accreditation agency

**3. Summary from a November 13<sup>th</sup> Planning Meeting**

UAB School of Education: Susan Spezzini and Susie Olmstead

Graduate School: Julia Austin

ELCI: Rebekah Trinh

Smolian International House: Carol Argo

MAE program: 8 graduates to date (2006-08)

Projection: about 3 or 4 graduates a year

Identified some needs of ESL centers: staffing and ongoing professional development

Identified some needs of UAB's MAE program: Practicum placements

Pre-practicum experiences (observing and teaching)

Practicum Teaching (one semester)

**4. What are your needs?**

Schools and Colleges

Community Programs

**5. How can UAB's MAE/ESL program help you?**

School of Education's ESL website: [www.ed.uab.edu/esl](http://www.ed.uab.edu/esl)

Blue advising packet: *non-certification MAE/ESL*

**6. Plans for our next meeting:**

**Possible Topics:** Establishing outreach subcommittees

Evaluating quality of UAB's ESL teacher education program

Making recommendations to improve MAE/ESL program

**Possible Date:** September or October