

ESL Advisory Council: Agenda for April 5, 2018 (4:30-6:30) in EB 146

Graduate Degrees for Teaching ESL to K-12 Learners

UAB School of Education (SOE), Dept. of Curriculum & Instruction (C&I)

ESL: Early Childhood/Elementary (Moderators: Kelly Hill and Julie Paul)

ALSDE: Michele Lee
Birmingham: Robin Kelley
Etowah: Margaret Sholar
Homewood: Abby Becker
Hoover: Wendy McBride
Shelby: Kiffany Gebhardt
Tarrant: Sherlene McDonald

ESL: Secondary Education (Moderator: Richard Littleton)

Alabaster: Karen Hill
Attalla City: Jesse Smith
Homewood: Jenny Harvey
Jefferson: Marianne Pledger, Tanya Hiers
Pelham: Jennifer Gonzalez
Shelby: Julie Caine
Tarrant: Anne Pace

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Today's Objectives

- Provide updates on ESL teacher education program
- Respond to three questions from the Department of C&I
- Identify needs and goals for the coming year

3. Updates on ESL teacher education program

Degree programs:

MAEd's Alternative Track (AMP): currently ESL and dual certification (ESL/Spanish and ESL/French)
proposal for new dual certification in ECE and ESL through the MAEd in ECE

MAEd's Traditional Track – now projected as 3 summers (instead of 2 summers) with 640 also in summer

MAEd's *International/Adult* Track: its name was changed from *International/Adult* to *TESOL*

EdS—Proposal for an Educational Specialist degree in TESOL (slated to start in January 2019)

PhD—Educational Studies in Diverse Populations w/Pedagogical Studies concentration in TESOL (2016)

Average yearly graduation: about 45 with P-12 ESOL certification, 10 with non-cert MA, and 5 with EdS

New courses: EESL 641 *Emergent Bilinguals in ECE settings* and EESL 670 *Engaging Families & Communities*

Other recent adjustments:

SOE's Accreditation with CAEP (formerly NCATE): submitted reports for national recognition with TESOL

National Professional Development grants:

Year 2 of IMPACT-PD and Project CREST

Year 5+ (*extra* no cost extension year) for Etowah EDGE, Southeast ECHO, and Project SPEAK

Peace Corps Partnership: Master's International (4 students) ended and Coverdell Fellows started (1 student).

Conferences: SETESOL (Oct. 2017, Wynfrey) – everyone's support was greatly appreciated

AMTESOL-advocacy (Oct. 13, 2018; Oxford, Miss), Int'l TESOL (Mar. 12-15, 2019, Atlanta)

Updated website www.uab.edu/esl, testimonials <https://www.uab.edu/education/esl/testimonials>, Hall of Fame

4. Questions from the Department of Curriculum and Instruction

- a) What do you view as strengths of our ESL program?
- b) What do you view as challenges for our ESL program?
- c) Any recommendations for improving our ESL program?

5. Needs and goals for the coming year