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1998-99

Alabama Alliance Convenes to Address Statewide ESL Emergency

ALABAMA ALLIANCE FOR ESL EMERGENCY PLANNING

Co-sponsored by
Rebecca Osford, Debra Suarez, and Karen Smith

December 11, 1998
10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Rotunda, Third Floor
Carnegie Hall

The University of Alabama
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Carnegie Hall is between Graves Hall and Ridgeport Hall and faces the Quadangle. Please drop by U.A. Parking Services to obtain a free, day-long guest pass. The Parking Services office is located in the U.A. Police Station at the corner of University Blvd. and Stadium Drive. Call the Education Dean's Office at 205/948-6883 if assistance is needed.

AGENDA

Lunch will be catered
Small-group planning tasks will be included

10:30 - 11:15
Greetings
Recognition of Special Guests

11:15 - 11:30
Introduction

11:30 - 11:45
Overview of Agenda/Need for Providing Complex Course Information,
Thanks to Donors/Thanks for Providing the Minutes

11:45 - 12:15
Goals of the Alabama Alliance for ESL Emergency Planning
(Add other goals as needed)

12:15 - 12:45
Participant Survey on Three Key Subjects

12:45 - 1:15
Next Steps/Requirements for Diversity

1:15 - 1:30
New State Requirement for Preparation of Learning Alabama Teachers

Donna John Dufly
Shirley Ray, Steve School Board
Lee Wilbanks, OSR

Rebecca Osford
Debra Suarez
Karen Smith
Dianna Courtney
Rebecca Osford
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1:30 - 2:15
Reasons: Who Can Do What on High?

State Department of Education, ESL Consultants

Southeastern Equity Center
Southeastern Comprehensive Assistance Center
Alabama Emergency TLEAC
Alabama Association of Foreign Language Teachers
Regional Teacher Institute Center
University of Alabama at 12 ESL Teacher Certification Program
University of Alabama English Language Institute
University of Alabama Campus International Program Center
University of Alabama MA-TESOL Program
University of Alabama in Huntsville ESL Efforts
University of Alabama at Birmingham ESL Efforts
Additional Resources

Guests/Planners:
Charles Shipley
John Jones
Terry Melton
Betty Moore, Larry Moore (SEAC)
Suzanne Serrano
Bill Driner
Debra Suarez
Katie Bennett
Bill Wilbanks
Jane Washfield
Dagmar Anderson
Catherine Dierkes
Vic Robertson
Marilyn Kurlita
Cynthia Walker
Julia Austin
Other Individuals/Groups

1999-2000

Memo from Joe Burns to the Graduate School Dean for initiating an ESL Teacher-in-Residence position

The University of Alabama at Birmingham
School of Education
Department of Curriculum and Instruction

MEMORANDUM

TO : Dr. Joan Lorden

FROM: Joe Burns

RE : ESL Position Description

DATE: June 5, 2000

Attached is a brief description of the ESL Teacher in Residence position that will be supported by seed money awarded through the UAB Education Foundation. The teacher in residence will work on our ESL initiatives with Dr. Julia Austin. We have space available in the Education Building to house the teacher in residence.

Should you need further information, please let me know. Thank you for your consideration.

/s/ Attachment
cc: Dr. Mike Froning
Dr. Julia Austin

2000-01

Letter from Julia Austin about master's level program in ESL, course scheduling, and grant application

UAB THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM

Office of the Dean

September 1, 2000

Dear ESL colleagues,

The University of Alabama at Birmingham has recently received approval for a Master's level Program in ESL. Attached are materials related to that program. We are making a concerted effort to offer courses in time periods that are accessible to persons who are currently teaching.

Please share this information with colleagues in your schools. Post the information in visible places. We need to get the word out about the teacher preparation program that meets a critical need in our area.

UAB is continuing an effort in this area of critical need. We are writing grant proposals and seeking approval for an ESL MA/Ed Certificate (admission included) and, eventually, a 3rd year program in ESL. We also are willing to work with school systems in a service effort in ESL or in other special ESL needs.

If you have questions about certification issues or the Master's Program in ESL, please contact Dr. Joe Burns, Chair of Curriculum and Instruction, at UAB (205)948-6311 or email me at jburns@cui.uab.edu. I can answer content questions or other general questions about the program (205)975-6259 or admission 137.

Sincerely,
Julia S. Austin, Ph.D.
Director of Educational Services
UAB Graduate School

Enclosures

2001-02

Flyer from Julia Austin about first ESL Summer Institute/Teacher Workshop for earning course credit or CEUs

To: *James Taylor*
From: *Julia Austin*

UAB THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM

UAB Summer English as a Second Language (ESL) Institute for Teachers

Workshop Topic:
Providing Equal Access to Education to ESL Students

June 18 to 21, 2001

Credit and Non-Credit Options Available

CEU participants: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Cost: \$100

Credit students: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 1 additional day later in summer
Cost: Graduate tuition and fees for 3-hour course
UAB Education Building, Room 100
901 17th Street South
Birmingham, AL

Duties/Goals:

- To understand the basic concepts about second language acquisition
- To raise awareness of legal issues related to second language students
- To experience cultural discussion and learn how to address it
- To learn about effective assessment for second language students
- To reform respective teaching with limited English proficient students

Questions?
Call (205) 934-5371

2002-03

Letter from Socorro Herrera, Kansas State University, on visiting UAB's first grant cohort in Baldwin County

CLASSIC ESL/Dual Language

UAB THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM

August 1, 2002

Dear Sirs,

I would like to express my appreciation for the information you provided regarding the Classic ESL/Dual Language Program. I am currently involved in the development of a similar program at Kansas State University. I am interested in learning more about the program and the support you can provide for our efforts.

Thank you for the strong which you are providing at the UAB. I hope to visit UAB in the near future and see the program in person. I am looking forward to meeting with you and your staff to discuss the program and the support you can provide for our efforts.

A preliminary schedule is attached. We are working to develop a similar program at Kansas State University. I am interested in learning more about the program and the support you can provide for our efforts.

Please let me know if there are other ways we can collaborate. I am looking forward to meeting with you and your staff to discuss the program and the support you can provide for our efforts.

Sincerely,
Socorro Herrera
Assistant Director
Kansas State University

Empowered Approaches to Diversity

Summer Institute Schedule for NTNS, UAB's first ESL certification grant program

UAB New Teachers New Students 2002

A Certification Program for Alabama ESL Teachers

Schedule of Events

Date — June 17: Opening Luncheon at 1 p.m.
Classes each week day from 9 am to 5 pm

- Date — June 18: Workshop on Parental Involvement with Terry Medina
- Date — June 21: Workshop with Stephen Knebel
- Date — June 21 & 22: Mid-South Reading & Writing Conf. \$59.
- Date — June 25: Demonstration of Cultural Salutes
- Date — June 26: Noon ESL Materials Exhibit; Computer Lab 2 - 5 pm
- Date — June 27: Closing Supper at Civil Rights Institute 3 - 7 pm
- Date — June 28: Classes end at Noon

Check Blackboard for parking information and room numbers.

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Interested Parties - Page 1

(Please give us names of all contact information about others who should be listed. Contact numbers/addresses/e-mail addresses at any time to add people to the list.)

State School Board
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Dianna Courtney
John Jones
Charles Shipley

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Marlene David (Mobile Center)
Lyn Frying (Birmingham City)
Kerri Venning (Birmingham City)
Betty Lantieri (Dianna Center)
David Lathan (Dainger Center)
Michael Philip (Dahlonee City)
David Wagner (Dahlonee Center)
Lyn Frying (Mobile City)
Linda Taylor (Birmingham City)
Christina Wainwright (Dahlonee Center)
Christina Wainwright (Dahlonee Center)
Shawna Whaley
Lisa Yount

They State University
John Kingsburg

University of Alabama at Birmingham
Julia Austin

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Memo from Joe Burns to Lynn Froning and Julia Austin about ESL course offerings for 2001-02 and 2002-03

The University of Alabama at Birmingham
School of Education
Department of Curriculum and Instruction

MEMORANDUM

TO : Lynn Froning & Julia Austin

FROM: Joe Burns

RE : ESL Course Offerings

DATE: July 14, 2000

Attached are two tables showing the proposed ESL course offerings. The first table shows 2000-01 and 2001-02 (quarter to semester calendar conversion). The second table shows 2001-02 and 2002-03 (proposed offerings for the semester calendar). Thus, the 2001-02 academic year is shown on both tables.

These courses that seem to be suitable as electives or are required in other programs (EEC 573 and EEC 688) will be offered twice per year. Courses in addition to EEC 573 that are part of the add-on certification (EEC 630, EEC 620, EEC 640, EEC 591) will be offered once per year. Courses that are part of the master's degree but not the add-on certification (EEC 591) will be offered every two years. The exception to this is EEC 674. As it may also be taken as part of other degree programs, it will be offered once per year. The internship (EEC 690) will be available during the fall and winter semesters.

As for ESL electives, I do not plan to put any in the schedule until we have a better idea of the number of students in the program. The program elective does not have to be an ESL course. Other existing education courses will suffice. Thus multiple electives would be available every term.

Last, the listing for EEC 592 is tentative. I've yet to verify this with the English Department.

/s/ Attachments
cc: Mike Froning

Letter from ALSDE Superintendent to U.S. Department of Education supporting UAB's ESL grant application

State of Alabama
Department of Education
State Superintendent of Education
Ed Richardson

December 18, 2000

Ms. Lili Callahan
U.S. Department of Education
300 North Zeeb Road
Washington, DC 20540

Dear Ms. Callahan:

The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) has submitted to the U.S. Department of Education (ED) the "UAB Education Grant Proposal: Preparing for All Learners in UAB." The UAB Education Grant Proposal is a three-year program of training and technical assistance for Alabama's teachers. The grant will support the development and implementation of a program of training and technical assistance for Alabama's teachers. The grant will also support the development and implementation of a program of training and technical assistance for Alabama's teachers.

The Alabama Department of Education fully supports UAB's proposed Training for All Learners program. Our program is committed to providing quality education for all students in Alabama. We are pleased to support the development and implementation of the UAB Education Grant Proposal. We will continue to work with UAB to ensure that the grant is successful in meeting the needs of all students in Alabama.

Sincerely,
Ed Richardson
State Superintendent of Education

Press Release for school leaders announcing ESL program with MA, add-on certification, & pending Alternative 5th Year

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Office of the Dean

July 17, 2001

Dear Friends in Education:

UAB has succeeded in designing a top-flight ESL training program. We now have set up course work for masters level certification programs and put it into a schedule so that your teachers will be able to take coursework every term, all year. A master's degree, an add-on certificate, and soon, a 5th year alternative program are available. These are especially suited for the school systems which have an influx of non-native speakers of English, but which do not have the funds to create new positions for ESL teachers and counselors. We hope you will pass this information on to interested parties.

You should also know that UAB has applied for federal funding which will assist us in providing specialized services to your system. If you have needs in your system relative to limited English speaking children and families, please call us. We may be able to suggest people to work with you in designing your system response to these needs.

Thank you for your leadership in education.

Dr. Michael J. Froning, Dean
UAB School of Education
(205) 934-5322
mfroning@uab.edu

Correspondence to ALSDE regarding UAB's proposed Alternative 5th Year certification program in ESL

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Office of the Dean

June 20, 2003

Dr. William Goodrich
Teacher Education Advisor
Office of Professional Services
State Department of Education
50 North Ripley Street
Montgomery, AL 36103-2001

Dear Dr. Goodrich:

On February 24, 2000 the University of Alabama at Birmingham's School of Education requested permission to develop a Class A ESL Program and an Alternative 5th Year Program. The attached letter, the Class A ESL program was submitted and approved. But failure to meet deadlines for the Alternative 5th Year Program resulted in postponing submission at that time.

Following implementation of the Class A program, the School of Education started to contact by a significant number of individuals seeking certification in ESL who do not hold a teaching license. In order to assist the needs of this population of potential teachers, the UAB School of Education has developed an Alternative 5th Year ESL program and is requesting that it be reviewed this summer.

Resources, curriculum and faculty are in place to offer this program to students seeking an alternative route into the teaching profession. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,
Michael J. Froning
Dean
UAB School of Education
MLF/mjr

Julia Austin and Lynn Froning teach UAB's first two courses on the teaching of English language learners

TERM	SUBJECT	COURSE	COURSE TITLE	HOURS
Summer 1999	EHS EEC	653 560	Current Issues in Education: Teaching English Language Learners	3
Fall 1999	EEC	573	Teaching in a Multicultural Society: ESL	3

Pivotal Contact between Julia Austin and U.S. Dept. of Education representative at Grant Writing Conference

Grants Resource Center

Full 1998 Round
September 29-30, 1999
Washington, DC

The Grants Resource Center (GRC) is a division of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. It is a subscription grants information and technical assistance service available as a resource to the research and sponsored programs offices of public and private institutions. GRC provides general information, regular publications, and direct staff assistance to facilitate institutional work with government and private funding agencies.

Email from Joe Burns to Julia Austin about sharing Fall 2000 course schedule with ESL pipeline students

Julia Austin

From: Joe Burns [jburns@uab.edu]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2000 8:07 AM
To: julain@provost.uab.edu
Subject: EEC 674 for Fall Qr.

Lyn, Julia, Jennifer, and Jerry:

We have EEC 674-03, Language Development, in the computer for fall 2000. The call number is 5752. The class will meet on Wednesdays from 6:00-10:00 in room 228 Ullman West.

Jerry and Jennifer—if you know of any early childhood or early childhood/special education majors who need this course, please pass along this info—

Lyn and Julia—if you have a good way to contact esp pipeline students, please pass along the info—thanks—jb

ESL Needs Questionnaire from Julia Austin to K-12 educators to collect information for grant application

UAB School of Education, in conjunction with the Alabama State Department of Education, is writing a grant application (Teachers and Personnel). This grant provides support to a cohort of students pursuing ESL certification and add-on certification. To help make our application as competitive as possible, please provide us with the following information.

Some questions have been included that are needed to develop internship possibilities for UAB students who are currently pursuing master's degree certification in ESL.

If possible, please complete and turn in today before you leave the meeting. If you need additional time, please return to the following address postmarked by Friday, April 27, 2001 (our grant application is due mid-May):

Julia Austin, Ph.D.
UAB Graduate School/HRC 151
1530 9th Avenue South
Birmingham, AL 35492-1150
Phone: 935-6539
Email: julain@uab.edu

Demographic Information:

Name of School or School System _____

Total number of students currently enrolled _____

Number of second language students (current) _____

Number of second language students enrolled May 2000 _____

Percentage of second language students who are limited English proficient _____

Total number of teachers _____

Number of teachers designated as ESL teachers _____

Number of ESL teachers who are certified in ESL _____

Questions for Grant Application

Flyer faxed by Julia Austin announcing ESL courses

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Approval by Alabama State Board of Education for Alternative (5th Year) ESL Certification Program at UAB

Approved by the State Board of Education
at its meeting on December 12, 2003

ACTION ITEM # 2.2

Alabama State Board of Education
December 11, 2003

APPROVAL OF A TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM
THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM
Birmingham, Alabama

WHEREAS, a review of a teacher education program was conducted on August 17-20 and October 16, 2003, by the State Department of Education in accordance with the Alabama State Board of Education, State Department of Education Administrative Code, Rule No. 295-3-396-002, and

WHEREAS, compliance with State Board of Education rules has been verified, and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Education recommends approval of the program:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby approves the following program, with approval to expire on May 10, 2005:

Class A Alternative English As A Second Language