

## **Council for Exceptional Children**

### Teacher Education Division

Report of: Student Representative/Kaleidoscope Chairperson

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#### Goals:

1. Conduct search for incoming Student Representatives. Select representatives from applications submitted and notify them of their appointment.
2. Collaborate with Todd Sundeen, Student Representative, to conduct Call for Proposals for Kaleidoscope Sessions at the 2006 Council for Exceptional Children's Teacher Education Division (TED) National Conference; assign proposals to reviewers; compile list of accepted proposals; notify presenters of proposal status.
3. Collaborate with Chris O'Brien, Faculty Mentor, and Todd Sundeen to develop a program and format for the Faculty Panel sessions to take place during Kaleidoscope.
4. Collaborate with Conference Committee, Joan Sebastian, and Stu Schwartz to create program and make room arrangements for the 2006 Kaleidoscope Session at the TED Conference, San Diego, CA.
5. Create a timeline of duties/responsibilities for Student Representatives to the TED Executive Board.
6. Collaborate with Chris O'Brien, Faculty Mentor, to create a handbook for Student Representatives that includes procedures and the timeline of duties/responsibilities to be carried out during the term of appointment.
7. Mentor incoming Student Representatives and conduct Orientation Session at 2006 TED National Conference.

#### Accomplishments:

1. Selected two incoming Student Representatives from a pool of four applicants. Appointed Student Representatives are Maya Israel, University of Kansas, and Christopher Denning, University of Virginia. Both have been involved in TED through Kaleidoscope participation, and are committed to serving their appointed terms.
2. Worked with Stu Schwartz to negotiate reduced Student Representative rate for conference registration.

3. Conducted Call for Proposals for the Kaleidoscope through collaboration with Joan Sebastian and Robert Green. 24 proposals were submitted and reviewed by 15 doctoral student reviewers from the University of Central Florida, University of Florida, University of Kansas, and University of Virginia. Of the 24 proposals that were submitted, 23 were accepted, and two declined to participate due to scheduling conflicts, leaving a total of 21 presentations for the Kaleidoscope. There will be nine poster presentations taking place concurrently during a 30-minute period, and 12 Round Table Discussions taking place in three sessions for 30 minutes each.
4. Faculty presenters were recruited to participate in four roundtable discussion topics of interest to doctoral students. Todd Sundeen, Chris O'Brien, and I collaborated on topics of interest and selected faculty members from a variety of university settings to represent each topic. The following panel was assembled to hold two 30-minute roundtable discussions during the Kaleidoscope session:
  - Negotiating the Higher Education Employment Superhighway: Holly Lane (University of Florida) and Roxanne Hudson (University of Washington)
  - Writing for Academia: Michael Rosenberg (Johns Hopkins University) and Paul Sindelar (University of Florida)
  - Tenure Track Positions: Paige Pullen (University of Virginia) and James McLeskey (University of Florida)
  - The Life and Times of First Year Faculty: Elizabeth West (University of Washington), Karen Hager (Boise State University), and Chris O'Brien (University of North Carolina, Charlotte)
5. Created one page program to be included in the 2006 TED/TAM Conference Program. Program includes all poster sessions, roundtable sessions, faculty presentations, and TED Dissertation Award Winner presentation. Created program to be distributed at the Kaleidoscope Session.
6. Contacted all presenters regarding presentation times, participation in University Raffle, and presentation requirements or needs.
7. Collaborated with Chris O'Brien, Faculty Mentor, and Linda Patriarca, President, to create a timeline of duties and responsibilities for TED Student Representatives, which is to be included in the TED Executive Board Handbook and a Handbook for Student Representatives. Both the timeline and the handbook will be presented to the Board during the Executive Board Meeting for approval.
8. Mentored new incoming Student Representatives, Maya Israel and Christopher Denning by including them in the proposal process, discussing roles as student representatives at the upcoming 2006 TED/TAM Conference in San Diego, California, and established an Orientation Meeting with Todd Sundeen, Maya Israel, Christopher Denning, Chris O'Brien. Date and time of this meeting is TBA.
9. Maintained open communication with President, Linda Patriarca, regarding status of Kaleidoscope forum and involvement of student representatives in the TED organization.

10. Maintained monthly communication with Faculty Mentor, Chris O'Brien, regarding proposals, Kaleidoscope program creation, Faculty Forum topics, and scheduling of Kaleidoscope sessions.

Discussion/Action Items: