

The Council for Exceptional Children

Teacher Education Division

Report of: TED Forum Committee

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Term: Patriarca (1999-2002)-Extended to July 1, 2003 to replace Epanchin (2001-2004) who was elected Vice President
Chris-Walther Thomas (2002-2005)

Goals:

1. To continue to promote the Forum's purpose as defined by the Executive Board:

The purpose of the TED Forum is to stimulate discussion and promote continued knowledge and growth regarding the most contemporary issues and problems in teacher education and their relationship to the study and practice of the preparation of special education teachers. The Forum is designed to foster TED's leadership role in addressing teacher education in special education by providing a healthy tension between issues that arise naturally from TED's ongoing professional activities and those upon which Forum activities focus.

2. To plan a Forum session at TED's 2003 Annual Conference in Biloxi, Mississippi

3. To identify a Forum Theme and identify potential topics for upcoming Forum sessions at future conferences (specifically 2003 and 2004)
4. To promote the Forum in the TED newsletter and to plan other outlets to advance the Forum's agenda

Information/Accomplishments:

1. TED Forum Interactive Session planned to dovetail with Keynote Speaker Presentation. Plans for the Forum Session for the 2002 Savannah TED Conference were finalized at the TED Forum Committee Meeting held at the CEC convention in New York (April, 2002). In this upcoming TED convention, the Forum Session will dovetail with the Opening Address and will focus on the forces likely to transform colleges of teacher education in the future. President Arthur Levine (Teacher's College-Columbia University) will give the opening address. The TED Forum will be held 30 minutes later and will be an interactive session designed to allow participants to discuss and deliberate (with President Levine) the key points made in his opening address.
2. A TED Forum Committee Meeting was held in New York City during the CEC Convention (April 2002). Patriarca was unable to attend as she was home nursing a broken arm. Epanchin chaired the meeting. (Committee and executive board members present at this meeting were: Chris Walther-Thomas, Diana Hammitte, Jim Siders, Judy Winn and Debbie Voltz). The group made the following decisions about the 2002 Keynote/Forum Presentation.
 - Jim Siders: Conference Welcome (8:00 a.m.)
 - Linda Patriarca: Introduction: Arthur Levine (8:05 a.m.)
 - Arthur Levine: Opening Address (approx. 8:10-9:35a.m.)
 - BREAK (approximately 9:40 a.m.-10:00a.m.)
 - Round-table discussions with A. Levine: (10:00 a.m. – Noon)

The group identified the following needs:

- Table Facilitators (Chris Walther-Thomas to take charge)
 - Identification of Themes to Stimulate Discussion (Linda Patriarca will work with Art Levine and Jackie, his secretary)
 - Runners (with questions): Forum Committee Members- Chris Walther-Thomas, Debbie Voltz, Judy Winn, Jane Williams, Carole Grove
 - Journal articles sent to identified facilitators (Linda Patriarca)
 - Cards, papers, and other materials for writing down questions (Diana Hammitte)
3. At the TED Forum Committee Meeting held in New York City (April 2002), the committee decided to invite Dr. Lee Shulman, President of the Carnegie Foundation

and Professor Emeritus, Stanford University to be the keynote speaker for the Biloxi, Conference. Linda Patriarca contacted him and extended the invitation. Unfortunately, already scheduled Carnegie Foundation commitments precluded him from accepting. At present, the group is considering another individual: Dr. Susan Moore Johnson (Harvard University). Betty Epanchin has already held preliminary conversations with her and it appears that she is both willing and available. Marilyn Cochran-Smith (Boston College) is another individual whose name was mentioned as a possible speaker (for either the Keynote Address or the TED Forum). Further discussions about this will take place at the Executive Board Meetings and the TED Forum Committee Meeting in Savannah.

4. TED Forum Committee Meeting. A TED Forum committee meeting is scheduled to be held during the upcoming TED Conference in Savannah, Georgia. A notice of the meeting, together with a copy of the meeting agenda has been e-mailed to all committee and advisory members.
5. Advertisement Betty Epanchin and Linda Patriarca prepared an announcement for the TED Newsletters advertising the upcoming Forum session scheduled to be held in Savannah, Georgia
6. Committee Members: (as of June 30, 2002: Note: An updated list of members for the July 1 2002- June 30 2003 year has not yet been sent out by President Siders.

Co-Chairpersons

Linda Patriarca, Michigan State University (1999-2003) (extended for one year to relieve Betty Epanchin [2001-2004] who was elected Vice President of TED)
Chris Walther-Thomas, College of William and Mary (2002-2005)

Members

Carole Grove, Mary Baldwin College (1999-2002) (Term needs to be extended or replacement found)
Debbie Voltz, University of Louisville (2001-2004)
Open slot: Replacement of Chris Walther-Thomas
Jane Williams, Arizona K-12 Center (2000-2003)

Advisors

Judy Winn, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (2001-2004)
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Liaison from Executive Committee

Bill Wienke, University of Central Florida

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