



Executive Committee Meeting
February 16, 2009
Minutes

- Present: Joe Walsh, Hollie Cost, Stacia Love, Jill Wicknick, Cynthia Shackelford
- The January minutes were approved
 - The March 5th general meeting was discussed. It was suggested that the executive committee school representative ensure that at a minimum all school contacts are present at the meeting. School contacts / UM coordinators:
 - MES- McClain, Martin, Burden, (Kristin Gilbert)
 - MMS- Nason, Su Beard, (Eva Frost)
 - MHS- Simmons, Cathy Barber (Michelle Duran-McClure)
 - Following is the proposed agenda.
 - Local student performing group-request that Dr. Glee Whitsett secure this
 - Review of recent connections
 - Discussion of available summer camp opportunity(ies)
 - Publicity on/planning for Future Falcon days
 - Other business
- Hollie Cost extended sincere appreciation for all of the efforts of the executive committee members in preparing for the summit in January. The correspondence for the event has been overwhelmingly positive.
- Group members discussed the summer camp proposals that were submitted at the summit. Hollie suggested facilitating the development of one comprehensive camp per college that would serve as an introduction to the opportunities that college could provide to the local community. For example the college of arts and sciences is developing an astronomy/sustainability camp. This camp will provide local students with experiences at the swamp, the observatory and the new community garden site. The potential then exists to develop camps at each separate location in subsequent summers. Joe Walsh expressed concern over developing too many programs at one time citing quality control as a priority. He introduced the possibility of having Montevallo Connection support the development of one camp this summer that would serve as the model for subsequent camps in the upcoming years. This camp proposal would be developed with a full budget and all of the staff support needed. Hollie Cost will discuss this with Terry Roberson at their upcoming meeting and will report back to the executive committee.
- Hollie discussed the level of support that Montevallo Connection could provide to the departments developing camp proposals. It was suggested that Montevallo Connection support the camp activities in the following ways:
 - Promote the camp and recruit participants, using the Montevallo Connection and university website.
 - Assist with coordinating facilities and camp dates to avoid potential conflicts from camp to camp and with the local schools.
 - Assist with developing an impact assessment component for each camp: assessing knowledge and skills acquired by campers as well as UM student counselors
- Future Falcon Day discussion
 - Preparation for the upcoming Future Falcon days was discussed
 - Future Falcon Dates:
 - MES April 15- 112 students/38 guides



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- MMS April 20- 103 students/34 guides
- MHS April 30- 91 students/ 30 guides
- Schedule of events-
 - Introduction and welcome 15 minutes
 - Whole group music activity 30 minutes
 - Small group tour/scavenger hunt 30 minutes
 - Break/snack 15 minutes
 - Three 30 min. small group sessions 1 ½ hours
 - Whole group athletic connection 30 minutes
 - Lunch and closing comments 45 minutes
- T-shirts-Stacia will coordinate with Amanda Fox and the school counselors to get all t-shirt sizes and ensure that the field trip forms comply with school requirements.
- Mentor recruiting and training-Hollie reported that we have 14 applications so far. She requested that each executive committee member recruit eight Future Falcon Guides. Hollie will coordinate the orientation session for the guides after all applications have been received and approved. Hollie will contact Alana Hataway and Jim Herlihy to recruit more students
- Publicity: Cynthia Shackelford has agreed to handle all event publicity.
- Announcements
 - Upcoming Meetings/Events
 - Spring MC Exec meetings February 27, March 13, April 10 3:30, Wills 200
 - General Meeting March 5, 4:30 Wills Master Classroom
 - ASO student visits April 28th and 29th