

**Minutes for the Kentucky Student Council for Exceptional Children Meeting  
November 23, 2004 at the Galt House**

**Officers Present:**

2003-4 Acting President-Lauren Hoard

2003-4 Secretary – Stacey Beasley-Moore

**Members Present:**

Amanda Reed-Western Kentucky University

Ashley Reel-Western Kentucky University

Leslie Morris- Murray State University

Hannah Scott-University of Kentucky

Laura Ballard Scott- Murray State University

Casey Ayers-University of Kentucky

Jessica Fowler-University of Kentucky

Ashley Johnson-University of Kentucky

Sarah McMaine- Western Kentucky University

Kelly Sandbrink-Cumberland College

Lauren Hoard-Western Kentucky University

Lindsey Engle- Cumberland College

Matt Compton- Morehead State University

Brian Collier- Murray State University

Jessica Ingram-Murray State University

Tammy Hawkins-Murray State University

**KYCEC Representatives:**

Dr. Janice Ferguson KY SCEC Advisor

Amanda Hetzel, Past President, KY SCEC

**KY CEC Pioneers (SCEC Chapter Mentors)**

Coleman House

Linda James

Mary White

**Meeting Agenda**

1. Introductions
2. Chapter Reports
3. National Conference
4. CAN Coordinator Report
5. Quiz Bowl
6. Officer Elections

**1. Introductions-Lauren Hoard**

Everyone went around the room and told who they were and what school they were representing.

## **2. Chapter Reports**

### **Western Kentucky University**

Western announced that they focused on three main areas fundraising, service, and getting information out about their new degree program with dual certification in LD and MSD. In terms of fundraising, the chapter held bakes sales and sold t-shirts that promoted the students being highly qualified educators. As far as service is concerned, they decided to participate in the Special Olympic Games during the spring, as well as Quiz Bowl and working closely with the Kelly Autism Program.

### **Murray State University**

Murray participated in a t-shirt sale this fall. They sold them to help raise funds to travel to the Fall Conference for the Council for Exceptional Children. They have ten student chapter members in attendance and over 50 graduate students in attendance at the Fall Conference. They also sponsored a program on accommodating students with AD/HD that was attended by over 20 students and faculty members at Murray State University.

### **Cumberland College**

Cumberland sponsored an activities fair this semester. They also had a spaghetti supper for all the local students participating in exceptional education programs. Cumberland also had a meeting with Dr. Denzil Edge. For the Spring semester, they plan on working with local FTA groups, sponsoring a dance for local students with special needs and having a t-shirt sale.

### **University of Kentucky**

The University of Kentucky has been keeping busy this semester in a variety of programs designed to add to their membership.

### **Morehead State University**

Morehead has been working very hard to get a chapter of SCEC up and running at their school.

## **3. National Conference-Lauren Hoard, Janice Ferguson**

Before the subject of attending the national conference in Baltimore, Maryland in April 2005, the Pioneers presented the Kentucky Council for Exceptional Children with a check for one thousand dollars to be used towards attending the conference. This is in addition to the two thousand dollars that is given annually to attend the conference. We discussed how to allocate the funds and created a committee to find the best deals on transportation and hotel rooms for those wishing to attend. The committee members to research hotel prices are Sarah McMaine, Amanda Reed and Jessica Fowler. Ashley Reel and Hannah Scott will be looking into prices for transportation. Currently, there are 18 members wishing to attend the National Conference.

#### **4. CAN Coordinator Report-Lauren Hoard**

Congress passes IDEA authorization: On November 19, 2004, congress passed the reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The new bill will reduce the amount of paperwork expected of teachers and will lessen the misidentification of students who are speak other languages. The bill will lessen litigation and will sustain discipline procedures for students with disabilities, and ensure that they receive a free and appropriate education. The new bill does not allow special education the full funding that CEC had hoped for. The bill was later passed by the Senate and is now being sent to President Bush.

- On October 8th President Bush signed the Assistive Technology Act of 2004. This act will fund state programs that use assistive technology devices. The Act will include a minimum state grant of \$410,000 and a sunset provision waive which will allow the act to be reauthorized regularly.
- President Bush named Margaret Spellings as the new Education Secretary. Spellings replaces Rod Paige and was an influential developer in the No Child Left Behind Act.
- In October CEC joined forces with about 20 other organizations asking Congress to reform certain aspects of the No Child Left Behind Act. They are asking for changes in progress measurement, assessments, building capacity, sanctions, and funding.
- On October 30th, President Bush signed HR 5186, the Taxpayer-Teacher Protection Act of 2004 which will increase the amount of loans that will be forgiven for math, science, and special education teachers. Currently the amount is \$5,000, but it will increase to \$17,500 for those who agree to teach for 5 years.

#### **5. Quiz Bowl-Sarah McMaine and Lauren Hoard**

Quiz Bowl was explained as being the equivalent of a Governor's Cup tournament for students with special needs. Prices for running a Quiz Bowl were discussed as well as all the information needed to run a successful Quiz Bowl. Samples of pertinent paperwork needed to run a successful Quiz Bowl were passed out. It was discussed that to make Quiz Bowl a true KAAC Congressional Cup competition, other universities would need to run regional competitions of Quiz Bowls at the same time as Western (March 4, 2005); then the following week, the winners from each university would meet and compete for the state-level Congressional Cup. The concern was in finding schools who would be

willing to participate and finding teachers who would be willing to coach the teams how to play. Dr. Ferguson and Amanda Hetzel, Past President, KY SCEC, responded to these concerns stating that Western's Quiz Bowl started out small in the beginning with only six schools competing. Over the years, as teachers saw all the positives in it, they spread the word to where Quiz Bowl has now grown to include twelve to fifteen high schools who now participate every year. They also said that if the teachers are hesitant to have their student's participate, then to keep selling and trying in the hopes that they will eventually come.

## **6. Officer Elections-Lauren Hoard**

Lauren conducted the officer elections. Before nominations for office were put forward, Dr. Ferguson reminded the members that Kentucky Council for Exceptional Children would be hosting the National Conference at the Galt House in the year 2007. Elected officers would need to consider how that timeframe impacted their ability to provide the leadership needed to assist with the development of the national Student CEC convention strand. Anyone who accepts an office needs to be someone with a long term commitment to KY SCEC as well as to local chapters to groom upcoming officers. This way, there would be a easy transition of officers as we plan for the national convention. Dr. Ferguson also added her wish that the KY Congressional Cup for 2007 could be played at the National CEC convention in Louisville. Here are the results of the elections:

President: Sarah McMaine, Western Kentucky University  
Vice President: Hannah Scott, University of Kentucky  
Secretary: Amanda Reed, Western Kentucky University  
Treasurer: Jessica Fowler, University of Kentucky  
Membership: Brian Collier, Murray State University  
CAN Coordinator: Ashley Johnson, University of Kentucky

After, the elections, Brian made the motion to set up a list-serve for all the members, advisors and officers, as well as posting the minutes from this meeting on each individual chapter's web page. The motion was approved unanimously.

Here is everyone's e-mail address to add to the list serve.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda Reed, KY SCEC Secretary 2004-5