

2007-2008 Annual Program Review

Theatre

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I. Assessment of Candidates:

What do the summarized reports data sets show about the performance of your candidates.

The Summarized reports data sets show that the candidates for Theatre were in some ways less prepared than others of our students. Some of this speaks to this particular group of students. In times that we have students that are quality students, the test scores, interviews and numbers are much higher. This was a particularly weak year for the department in terms of quality in this area and my assessment is that it will improve with future years.

What short term actions will be taken during the 2008-2009 academic year in order to improve candidate performance?

The area of Theatre and Dance has assessed this as partially the problem of the department and has decided that reviews with the students are necessary. In the classes that are specific to Education, we will be tracking these students and making sure that they are prepared for the tests and assessments that are both in the department as well as the area of Education Studies.

II. Assessment of Program Operations:

What do enrollment, exit survey, and graduate follow-up surveys data show about the operations and quality of your program?

The data speaks both to the type of students that we had in the program and also the need for a Methods class in this area. The students were well prepared for the positions as far as the Education Department, but a Methods class would help them more easily apply the things that they learn directly to Theatre and Dance.

What do the summarized reports show about changes that may need to be made to your program or to specific courses?

The summarized report is again proof that we need a methods class. This is something that will not be able to happen immediately because of the budget crunch, but is planned for the future. We would also like to add a position in the department for an Education Professor. This would enhance the program and build more of what we are trying to build.

What specific short term actions will be taken during the 2007-2008 academic year in order to improve program operations and quality? What are the long term implications?

The short term actions are to have meetings and to try to streamline the relationship between our area and the department of Art. We have a very strong relationship with Art and they have a stronger program than we do. I am interested in having or students assist in the Artist in Schools project that the Department of Art sponsors and I think that this is a tool that will prove to be invaluable in the long run.

The area of Theatre and Dance needs to commit themselves to either making this program stronger, or make it into something that is not the same as it is now. We want the program to survive and there is a strong interest in it. This may just take some legwork and time to get the program up and running.

III. Assessment System:

What data do you need to better evaluate your candidates and /or program?

I think that the data that the program provides is amazing. There is a great system of tracking and I think that it is transparent enough for the candidates to see and for us to understand the things that we need to work on. I am very impressed with the Assessment System and all of the charts and graphs.

