

TEACHER EDUCATION COUNCIL

Minutes

September 10, 2008

Members Present:

Carlette Hardin, Linda Kay Davis, Jennifer Snyder, Sallie Armstrong, Sheila Pirkle, Don Luck, Gloria Frank, Lauren Wells, Marcy Maurer, Gary Stewart, Tammy Shutt, Wimberly Cottrell, Dixie Dennis, Charles Pinder, David Denton, Michele Butts, Ann Assad, Barbara Peterson, Jennifer McGuire, Paul Nicodemus, Jana Hatcher

Members Absent:

Michelle Rogers, Sean Impeartice, Mary Lou Witherspoon (Class-Dr. Assad attending in her place)

Guests Present:

Culley Carson-Grefe, Benita Bruster

I. Call to order

3:33 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes

Michele Butts made the motion to accept the minutes. Gary Stewart seconded the motion. Approval of the minutes passed.

III. Change in Standards

The university was using the eleven standards set by the state. NCATE suggested we should have standards of our own. A committee was set up to review the standards. It was noted students were using the same artifacts for standards four and seven, confusion over standards two and three, and the standards were not in the order in which the students complete the Milestones. The committee suggested the standards could be collapsed without losing their integrity. Carlette Hardin presented the new standards in a succinct manner. She stated the standards are designed in an order in which the students are expected to learn and achieve them. She also stated students supported this new change. Gloria Frank made the motion to accept the new standards. Marcy Maurer seconded the motion. Approval of the new standards passed.

IV. Program Revisions

a. Foreign Languages Major: French Specialization

The Languages and Literature Department proposed three changes to this major:

1. Deletion of FREN 3310 (require students to take a class in European History instead)
2. Deletion of FREN 4510 and 4520 (replace with FREN 4410, 4420, and 4430)
3. Addition of FREN 3420 and 3430

Justifications:

The changes will better prepare students for the literature classes and improve their chances for success, division of literature classes will add breadth and depth to the study of French, students will learn French history in context, rather than in isolation, and increase the student's options for scheduling courses.

Carlette Hardin asked what data supports these changes.

Marcy Maurer made the motion to accept the program revision. Linda Kay Davis seconded the motion. Approval of the program revision passed.

b. Special Education

The Education department proposed three changes to the Special Education major:

1. Eliminate the second block so that students only have one right before student teaching
2. Eliminate SPED 3360 (gifted education) since we do not have an instructor to teach this course
3. Add an Early Childhood Special Education class

Michele Butts asked what do teachers do with gifted students and Sallie Armstrong responded that teachers do not do anything differently with gifted students. Teachers are required to attend a professional development course before they teach in CMCSS. Sheila Pirkle made the motion to accept the program revision. Gary Stewart seconded the motion. After much discussion this motion was tabled until the committee could review it again.

c. Education Courses

Carlette Hardin updated the council concerning milestone prerequisites in Banner. She indicated by preregistration all education courses would be updated to indicate a status of M1, M2, or M3 as a co/prerequisite in Banner. Students have been updated with an attribute in Banner so that they may not register for a class that requires a milestone they have not met. Having said this, Carlette presented a packet of 32 courses the faculty determined the milestones needed to be changed/corrected. Marcy Maurer moved to approve the entire packet. Gloria Frank seconded the motion. The packet was approved.

V. Other

a. Praxis scores

Carlette handed out a report concerning Praxis scores. She asked the council members to review. She also reminded the council Assessment reports were due on September 26, 2008. Michele Butts asked for a distinction in the scores of who was a traditional, add on or alternative licensure.

b. Unit and Lesson Plan Rubrics

Over the summer a committee began looking at Rubrics for unit and lesson plans. Benita Bruster presented packets that explained what the new rubrics were. She emphasized these were what were passed in the Spring, and will be put in Livetext for use. Jennifer Snyder stated this was much more user friendly than what was used before. Benita asked if you have any suggestions please keep the data to support the suggestion. Carlette asked to please use Livetext so the data can be pulled easily for reports. Anne Wall will help with Tech Support.

Since the rubrics have been changed the portfolios had to be changed as well. If students had already loaded information into Livetext, it is still there. Don Luck demonstrated the new Livetext C1. It is more streamlined than the previous version. Please have students do their autobiographical page, if they have not done so. Also, if you create a template, please have Anne add the template to Livetext so everyone can use it.

VI. Adjournment

4:50 p.m.