

Teacher Education Council  
Minutes  
April 9, 2008

**Members Present:**

Carlette Hardin, Wimberly K. Cottrell, Linda Kay Davis, Michele Butts, Sallie Armstrong, Jennifer Snyder, Mary Lou Witherspoon, Paul Nicodemus, Gloria Frank, Gary Stewart, Jennifer McGuire, Jana Hatcher

**Members Absent:**

David Denton, Charles Pinder, Sean Impeartice, Don Luck, Marcy Maurer, Sheila Pirkle, Tammy Shutt, Michelle Rogers, Barbara Peterson, Dixie Dennis

- I. Call to order 3:35 p.m.
  
- II. Approval of Minutes  
Motion to approve: Dr. Michele Butts  
Seconded: Dr. Gloria Franks  
Motion carried
  
- III. Melissa Champion, Principal, Middle College  
Ms. Champion was very enthusiastic about the possibilities available for students through the middle college. She stated they had already admitted half of the available openings. If the student is a Junior they must take one college class, a senior must take two. They must also enroll in an APSU 1000 that is unique to the Middle College. They will officially be on campus July 1, 2008, and be located in the Marks building.
  
- IV. Unit Assessment – Dr. Gary Stewart was not in attendance due to a medical emergency. Dr. Stewart did arrive late but it was decided he would wait and present at the next meeting.
  
- V. Curriculum Proposals
  - a. 4-8  
After looking at the 4-8 program, it became apparent that the two blocks were not equal in hours. This proposal makes them more equal.  
Motion to approve: Dr. Mary Lou Witherspoon  
Seconded: Dr. Michele Butts  
Motion carried

## VI. Milestone Revision

There were 13 students for Fall 2007 who did not take/pass Praxis II exams. Dr. Hardin asked we think about revising Milestone III last time. Dr. Maurer feels strongly there will be times where we will let them go without the test. All sister institutions are going towards making all students must take them before Student Teaching. TSU, ETSU, MTSU currently require this and U of M will be implementing it soon. Dr. Witherspoon is concerned about the ones who are bypassing student teaching (going the alternative route) and those numbers are being counted in the Title II report. Faculty of the School of Education has passed a motion beginning Spring 2009 students must pass all tests before Student Teaching. Dr. Butts is concerned that we are letting people go who are not really suited for teaching. Dr. Hardin called for a motion. Dr. Nicodemus wanted to know who has more influence the School of Education Faculty or Teacher Education Council. Dr. Hardin stated Teacher Education Council because it is the policy making body. Jennifer Snyder strongly feels like they must take all Praxis exams before Student Teaching.  
Motion to approve: Dr. Jennifer Snyder  
Seconded: Dr. Michele Butts  
Motion carried for students to complete all Praxis exams prior to Student Teaching to become effective Spring 2009.

## VII. Other

Dr. Hardin distributed a handout called Interesting Findings from Assessment 2006-2007. She also distributed an Evaluation from local Principal's from a survey that was mailed to them Spring 2008. Comments were attached to the Evaluations.  
A flyer concerning portfolio submission was also distributed.  
A flyer concerning upcoming events was also distributed.

## VIII. Adjournment 4:44 pm