

TEACHER EDUCATION COUNCIL

Minutes
May 19, 2008

Members Present:

Carlette Hardin, Linda Kay Davis, Jennifer Snyder, Michele Butts, Gary Stewart, Tammy Shutt, Barbara Peterson, Jennifer McGuire, Mary Lou Witherspoon, Marcy Maurer, Paul Nicodemus, David Denton, Jana Hatcher

Members Absent:

Wimberly Cottrell, Sallie Armstrong, Gloria Frank, Charles Pinder, Sean Impeartice, Don Luck, Sheila Pirkle, Michelle Rogers, Dixie Dennis

I. Call to order

3:34 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes

Mary Lou Witherspoon made the motion to accept the minutes. Michele Butts seconded the motion. Marcy Maurer raised a point of concern concerning the change of Milestone III requirements. She suggested the verbiage be changed to “all praxis exams should be completed and passed” as opposed to “completion of”. Approval of minutes passed with correction.

III. NCATE Update

We received word in April that we will have a focused visit in Spring 2009. NCATE still has a problem with our assessment of graduate program and the Unit. Dr. Hardin stated that we really needed to pump up our assessments on graduate programs.

IV. Problems with last student teachers

Dr. Hardin passed out a list of student teachers from Spring 2008 who had not completed licensure requirements. A discussion of the reasons followed.

V. Report from March and May unit assessment committee meetings

Everyone present stated they must meet more than twice a year. Dr. Stewart handed out minutes from the Unit Review Committee from February 27, 2008. Diversity continues to be an issue. Dr. Shutt reported on the recent meeting. From the assessments they reviewed, it is evident that students still struggle with assessing students and feel unprepared to interpret standardized tests. The Teacher Education Council agreed that this need to be a focus for the coming year.

VI. New Lesson/Unit Plan Format

The newly adopted format was distributed. These will appear on the website and LiveText. These will be used by all courses where lesson plans are required.

VII. Meeting adjourned

4:35 p.m.