

TEACHER EDUCATION COUNCIL
MINUTES
January 12, 2006

Members present: Roberson, Butts, Denton, Feinberg, Frank, Hardin, Harris, Hayes, Maurer, Nicodemus, Peterson, Shutt, Snyder, Speck, Wallace, and Witherspoon

Members absent: Calovini, Noel, and Pinder

I. Welcome and approval of minutes

Roberson called the meeting to order. After review of the minutes from November 9, 2005, with no revisions, Witherspoon made a motion to accept and Hayes seconded. Approved.

II. Course/Program Proposals

Educ 3070 – pre-requisite changes (Educ 2100 and Educ 3040)

Educ 4270 – pre-requisite changes (Educ 2100 and Educ 3040; Educ 3070 is pre-requisite to or co-requisite with 4270)

Roberson discussed the pre-requisite changes for Educ 3070 and Educ 4270. He explained these courses play a large part using Live Text and the development of the e-portfolio. Maurer asked if Educ 3070 is required for student seeking the Professional Education minor prior to Fall 2006. Roberson said it is not required if it is not listed as part of the student's catalog year (2003-2005) requirements but he is encouraging students to take the course since it is an in-depth course regarding the development of lesson plans. Frank made a motion for approval and Hayes seconded. Approved.

Title of Program changes in Theatre and Dance Department (formerly Communication and Theatre Department):

Interdisciplinary Concentration in Theatre and Communication
Concentration in Theatre Education

(no changes in the courses being offered for these two programs only the title of the department)

Before discussion on the title change in the Theatre department, Roberson explained Tennessee just recently approved a certification program in Dance Education. This program is not available at APSU, but if the Theatre department wants to explore offering this program, they must develop a program according to Tennessee State guidelines and seek all levels of approval before offering Dance Certification in their department. With that said, Roberson explained why the title change from Communication and Theatre Department is being changed to Theatre and Dance Department due to the recent separation of the two departments. It is noted the Theatre Department only offer Theatre. Hardin made a motion for approval and Frank seconded. Approved.

Educ 5210: Change in number. Educ 5310 will change to Educ 5210 (Student Teaching: Kindergarten). The original number (5310) is currently used for an existing course within the School of Education. Information will be sent to the Registrar's Office to have this corrected.

III. Syllabus (attached)

A sample of a well-developed Syllabus

Roberson discussed the Syllabus developed by Dr. Sheila Pirkle, School of Education, as an excellent format combining standards as well as the Conceptual Framework. Roberson is recommending all methods instructors (secondary and elementary) use this same format when developing their syllabus.

IV. Constitution changes (attached)

Minor revisions were made to the *Council for Teacher Education Constitution* to update changes taking place in the School of Education. Council approved changes.

V. Dispositions

Roberson passed out a *Dispositions Report Form*, which is currently being used, by the School of Education Faculty, Staff, and University Supervisor reporting a teacher candidate's inappropriate conduct. At this time, this form is an elective report. Some institutions are requiring this form to be completed on each student every semester. Council reviewed form and made a few suggestions. Instead of using the terms: Unacceptable, Acceptable, Target, it is recommended for the terms to reflect a more approachable rating and to also add a column titled N/A. If this form is to be used on every teacher candidate during his or her licensure program, Feinberg suggested we eliminate the current Letter of Recommendation form being used for Full Admission if the Disposition form is to be used in the future. Roberson will ask for a committee to review the form and the courses in which it will be used as well as incorporating it into Live Text.

VI. NCATE update

Roberson will address NCATE information at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Respectively,

Phil Roberson, Director
School of Education