

**TEACHER EDUCATION COUNCIL
MINUTES
OCTOBER 10, 2007**

Members Present:

Sallie Armstrong, Michelle Butts, Wimberly K. Cottrell, Linda Kay Davis, Gloria Frank, Carlette Hardin, Don Luck, Marci Maurer, Jennifer McGuire, Paul Nicodemus, Sheila Pirkle, Gary Stewart, Tammy Shutt

Members Absent:

David Denton, Sean Impeartrice, Barbara Peterson, Jennifer Snyder, Lauren Wells, Mary Lou Witherspoon

Agenda:

I. *Minutes from September 12, 2007:* Dr. Davis moved to approve the minutes. Dr. Pirkle seconded. All voted to approve as read.

II. *Data Retreat:* Members submitted the assignments given at the Data Retreat held on September 21, 2007. Dr. Hardin asked for comments on the value of the Data Retreat and if the Council agreed, we would repeat the event next year. All agreed that it was beneficial and that it should be repeated.

III. *Teacher Certification Officer Position (Mary Kay Munson position):* Update: the position is yet unadvertised. Dr. Hardin is continuing to fill the role. Discussion about the need to have the position filled because the end of semester is coming an anticipated number (75) of students will require submission of paper work in December.

IV. *Title II Report:* completed and filed with the help of a number of individuals. Council thanked Dr. Luck and Dr. Hardin.

Dr. Hardin asked the Council to be considering revising the position on requiring students to pass the PRAXIS prior to student teaching semester, as had been required in the recent past. There is a concern that some students are not attempting the test and consequently cannot apply for the certificate upon graduation. She said it would be discussed at a future meeting.

V. *New Proposals:* NCATE advised the School of Education that fifty percent of the courses in the major must be outside the School of Education. That precipitated the formation of a committee to revise the K-6 Licensure program. The committee began working last semester. A proposal is expected from the committee for the next Council meeting. To support the revision process, the Mathematics Department has recommended two proposals considered together today.

- *Proposal I for a new course, MATH 4150: Teaching Mathematics in Grades 4-6 and*

- *Proposal II for a change in a course, Math 4100.*
Teaching Mathematics in K-6 to Math 4100:
Teaching Mathematics in Grades K-3.

Dr. Frank moved to accept the proposals. Dr. Butts seconded the motion. Dr. Hardin asked for questions or discussion. Dr. Luck asked if there is faculty who can teach the new or revised classes. Dr. Hardin said there is faculty.

Miss Cottrell asked if the proposals change the total hours required for the degree. Dr. Hardin said it will be reconfigured but that Miss Cottrell's program would not be affected. It will be effective fall'08.

The motion to accept the proposals was unanimously approved by the Council.

The meeting was adjourned.