

TEACHER EDUCATION COUNCIL
Minutes
September 13, 2006

Members Present: Burchwell, Butts, Davis, Denton, Feinberg, Frank, Hardin, Hayes Hill, Luck, McMahan, Maurer, Nicodemus, Peterson, Pinder, Pirkle, Rogers, Shutt, Snyder, Speck, Wallace, Witherspoon and Wolfe

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF LEADERSHIP CHANGE

Denton introduced Dr. Carlette Hardin as the new Interim Director for the School of Education. Dr. Hardin began her duties as Interim Director on August 21, 2006.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Hardin asked each member to introduce himself or herself including their position and department.

III. MINUTES - Approval of minutes from April 12, 2006. (attached)

After the minutes were reviewed from the April 12, 2006 meeting, Hardin asked for any corrections to the minutes. With no corrections, Maurer made a motion for approval and Franks seconded. All approved.

IV. OTHER ITEMS

MILESTONE REQUIREMENTS (ATTACHMENT)

Hardin explained the Milestone requirements, also known as Teacher Education admission process, have had changes since first approved during Spring 2006. Previously, there used to be two steps as part of the teacher education requirements; 1) Provisional Admission when the student has meet requirements to enter the education program, and 2) Full Admission when the student is ready to begin their student teaching placements. Now the Milestone admission criteria are broken down into four steps.

Milestone I :

Educ 2100 (or transfer credit) or Educ 5500 with C or better
Minimum of 12 hours of undergraduate credit or 3 hours of graduate credit
Minimum of 2.5 GPA
Meets acceptable level of knowledge and skills identified for Milestone I
(acceptable range 50-75, No score of unacceptable)
Evidence of Professional Dispositions
Completion of Security Statement by Student

Milestone II:

Minimum 2.75 GPA
Minimum of "C" in Professional Minor courses

Meets acceptable level for knowledge and skills identified for Milestone II through approval of electronic portfolio (acceptable range 50-75, no score of unacceptable)

- Evidence of 45 hours of undergraduate credit or 9 hours of graduate credit
- Minimum Praxis I requirements (PPST Reading 174, Math & Writing – 173), or ACT – 22, or SAT – 1020 or for graduate students GRE (verbal 350 & Quantitative 350)
- Successful Interview
- Completion of Security Statement by Student

Milestone III:

- Minimum 2.75 GPA
- Minimum grade of “C” in all professional Education and methods courses
- Successful completion of ‘content’ portion of Praxis II
- Completion of all courses required for licensure
- Meets acceptable level for knowledge and skills identified for Milestone III through approval of electronic portfolio (acceptable range 50-75, no score of unacceptable)
- Evidence of Professional Dispositions
- Completion of Security Statement by Student

Milestone IV:

- Meets acceptable level for knowledge and skills identified for Milestone IV through approval of electronic portfolio (acceptable range 75-100, no score of unacceptable or developing)
- Evidence of Professional Dispositions
- Successful passage of all licensure exams
- Successful completion of student teaching seminars
- Passing grades in both clinical placements
- Completion of all licensure requirements
- Completion of Security Statement by Student

With the new set of Milestone requirements in place, student’s records will be reviewed at each milestone level at the end of the each semester. There will be a team of faculty to review portfolio and additional requirements during the study day each semester. Once the student has successfully passed each milestone, a letter will be sent to the student of their passage. After a brief discussion Witherspoon made a motion and Hayes seconded. All approved.

Hardin announced if anyone needs assistance with the Livetext portfolio or sharing portfolio requirements to contact Martha Andrews at 221-7534.

INTERVIEWS

Since the interview process has now been moved up to Milestone II, this semester the School of Education will try to catch all of the students up before they enter Milestone III. So, this semester, there will be two interviews scheduled. The first set of interviews, to take place October 3, will cover the students in Educ 4080 and ready to begin their clinical placements in the Spring, and the second set of interviews, to take place October 4, will cover the students that have already completed Milestone II but not ready for Educ 4080. Beginning Spring 2007, there will only be one set of interviews as part of Milestone II. It was recommended for Graduate students needing the interview process for Milestone II will be available during evening hours. Each interviewee will complete a writing sample, a team will interview with questions, and then the team will evaluate with an overall score.

Peterson announced, the deadline to apply for Spring 2007 student teaching will be September 15, 2006.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully,

Dr. Carlette Hardin, Interim Director
School of Education