

Teacher Education Council  
Minutes  
November 12, 2008

**Members Present:**

Gary Stewart (chair-Carlette out sick), Michelle Butts, Gloria Frank, Sallie Armstrong, Barb Peterson, Lauren Wells, Jennifer McGuire, David Denton, Ann Assad, Jennifer Snyder, Wimberly Cottrell, Linda Kay Davis, Marcy Maurer, Jana Hatcher

**Members Absent:**

Carlette Hardin, Michelle Rogers, Sean Impeartice, Mary Lou Witherspoon (Class-Dr. Assad attending in her place), Sheila Pirkle, Don Luck, Tammy Shutt, Dixie Dennis, Charles Pinder, Paul Nicodemus

**I. Call to order**

3:36 p.m.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Michelle Butts made the motion to accept the minutes. Marcy Maurer seconded the motion. Approval of the minutes passed.

**III. Sections of Courses for Secondary Students**

A handout was distributed indicating the specific sections for EDUC 3070, 4080, and 4270 for Secondary Students.

**IV. Report from Unit Assessment Committee**

Dr. Shutt was sick and this was postponed until the next meeting.

**V. Annual Reports**

A handout was distributed indicating the proposed changes to the Annual Reports. This is also available through the School of Education Website. Dr. Hardin asks for you to review and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.

**VI. State Report Card**

This was distributed to the council. It is a rather large packet. Dr. Hardin asks for you to review and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.

**VI. Revision to the Constitution**

The Constitution was distributed to the council for review. A proposed change to Article VI: Section 6 (Committees) has been submitted. The change would implement an Assessment System Review Committee to analyze the assessment system. Please review and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.

## **VII. Program Revisions**

### **a. Education 5620**

A program revision was submitted to change the hours for this class to variable units of 1, 2, or 3 hours from a 12 hour course. Linda Davis motioned to accept the program revision. Michelle Butts seconded the motion. Approval of the revision was passed.

### **b. Languages and Literature: Foreign Languages Spanish Specialization**

A program revision was submitted to change the name of this program. Linda Davis advised this would put all students under one major to better reflect the students enrolled in the program. Michelle Butts motioned to accept the program revision. Marcy Maurer seconded the motion. Approval of the revision was passed. David Denton mentioned this proposal may need to go to TBR for approval as well.

## **VIII. Other**

Barbara Peterson asked for help in conducting the second round of interviews for Milestone II for those students who could not attend the first time or needed to interview again. Gary Stewart and Lauren Wells volunteered.

A discussion of problems associated with Banner in reference to students attempting to enroll in classes and degree audits followed. Faculty frustrations stem from trying to advise students from degree audits which are listing requirements incorrectly, and students not being allowed to register for courses due to co-requisite or pre-requisite errors. These errors are not associated with Milestone prerequisites. Faculty stated when they contacted the Registrar's office to try to resolve the problems they could not get anyone on the telephone and when they left a message on voice mail, their messages were not returned.

## **IX. Adjournment**

4:11 p.m.

**Addendum:** The Teacher Education Council did not meet on December 11, 2008, however, the change to the constitution was approved via email on December 17, 2008. In addition, the Psychology Department had requested a Program Revision to their Master of Science in School Counseling. They requested to change from a research paper and defense to comprehensive exams. The exams will mirror what students need to complete the literacy requirement through the research course. This change was also approved via email on December 17, 2008.