

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL
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Member Present: Bricker, Carpenter, Corbin, Coulter, Freeman, Grube, Habel, Holt, Loftquist, Norris, Rogers, Schade, Schallock, Tapley, Willis (for Williford)

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

I. Dean Michael Dougherty

Dale Carpenter welcomed everyone and announced that Michael was out of town.

II. Minutes

The minutes of the December 6 meeting were approved with the addition of an approved curriculum concentration of Teaching English as a Second Language at the MAT and MAE level.

III. Curriculum Items

Dale explained that the school counseling course curriculum items were already sent on so there would be no further delay in changing the major to 60 hours so students would be eligible for an advanced license.

IV. Policy and Procedures

A. TaskStream Implementation – Ben Coulter

- There are 47 faculty and 59 students signed up so far. Students need to make sure they are completing the 2nd step of self-enrollment. It's important for students to self enroll in a DRF [Direct Response Folio] before uploading information into the TaskStream Structure. Amelia Schlott has sent an email to students reminding them they need to sign up, self-enroll, and upload their autobiography. The Dean's office will send a message to faculty that autobiographies are ready for evaluation. In subsequent semesters, advisees will select their advisor's name before submitting their autobiography.
- Teacher Education Interview evaluation forms will be completed via TaskStream. A laptop will be available for interviewers.
- Orientation and evaluation sessions have been offered for faculty. Ben will provide one-on-one assistance if requested.
- Justin Menickelli is working on getting MAE and MAT Portfolio up and rubrics in place. Requirements will be consistent through programs.
- Ben is working on technology portfolio structure with instructions so students can start developing their portfolios. Programs need to identify signature assignments (course assignments) that students will upload to TaskStream for evaluation to use in their portfolio.
- Announcements will soon be distributed that Helen Barrett will be coming to campus to speak on E Portfolios, especially the pedagogy side rather than the technical side.

B. Background Checks-Greta Freeman

- Some school systems are requiring background checks before they will take students as interns or student teachers.
- Students will need to go to the Courthouse and get fingerprinted. Cost is approximately \$10.00 but may vary.
- Buncombe County is requiring this now before they will place students and other counties are following suit. Frequent parent volunteers are also being required to have background checks.

C. Praxis I and SAT/ACT

Dale explained that in September, the General Assembly passed a law that the State Board of Education could set a minimum score on the SAT/ACT so that if applicants for Teacher Education met that score, they would be exempt from taking Praxis I for teacher education program admission. This begins with the 2006-07 academic year. Note that WCU average SAT scores are 1025.

- Individuals with a total SAT score of 1100 are exempt from Praxis I
- Individuals with a total SAT score less than 1100, but score at least 550 on the Verbal test are exempt from the Reading and Writing Praxis tests.
- Individuals with a total SAT score of less than 110, but score at least 550 on the Math test are exempt from the Math Praxis test.
- Individuals with a composite ACT score of 24 are exempt from Praxis I.
- Individuals with a composite ACT score of less than 24, but with a score of at least 24 on the English test are exempt from the Reading and Writing Praxis tests.
- Individuals with a composite ACT score of less than 24, but a score of at least 24 on the Math test are exempt from the Math Praxis test.

V. Information

Erin Tapley announced that Steve Thunder-McGuire, Associate Professor of Art Education at the University of Iowa, will be visiting campus April 4 through 8 and will be available to speak to classes. He is Program Coordinator for Art Education and President-Elect for Seminar for Research in Art Education, The National Art Education Association and is a contemporary traditional story teller who has performed across the US and in Mexico and Canada. Please contact Erin directly for more information.

Patricia Bricker requested that the Teacher Education Interview registration dates be put on the Teacher Education Website so both students and advisors would readily have access to up-to-date information. Dale concurred that this was a good idea and one more way to provide Teacher Education information to students and staff.

Ben Coulter announced that the Teacher Appreciation Celebration, to be held April 24 from 5-6 in the UC Grand Room, is in the planning stages.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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