PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL
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Member Present: Carpenter, Carter, Coulter, Dyer, Hembree, Knotts, Lofquist, McCreary, Norris, Schade, Schallock, Stewart

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

I. Dean Michael Dougherty

Dale Carpenter welcomed everyone and announced that Michael was not able to attend today’s meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 20 meeting were approved.

III. Admissions

Barbara Schade presented 109 undergraduate and 2 Licensure Only applications for the Council’s consideration and approval. The Council voted to accept the undergraduates without conditions into the program and all others, with two exceptions with a vote not to admit, were accepted conditionally until they have completed all admission requirements. The Licensure Only applications were approved.

IV. Information

A. Update on TaskStream Implementation – Ben Coulter

Ben reported that he’s happy with the response to TaskStream and students are praising use of the program. So far 61 faculty and 131 students are signed up for TaskStream. There is a different subscription procedure for faculty but the process will become more streamlined in the future. Ben has offered orientation sessions for faculty and will continue to make individual office visits upon request.

The structure for the work sample is on TaskStream and signature assignments for courses, with associated rubrics, are being developed. Faculty will be asked to look for assignments taught in common courses and put them on TaskStream. Also, Early Field Experience evaluations will soon be put on TaskStream. This will make it easier to generate reports. Ben is working on multiple ways for faculty and co-operating teachers to subscribe to TaskStream. The challenge is to get all host teachers subscribed and address accessibility given different firewalls.

Ben also reported that Justin Menickelli is still working on MAT Portfolio.

B. Assessment – Renee Corbin

Renee was not available so she will report at another time.
V. New Business

Dale explained that the State passed a law that allows community colleges to develop lateral entry certificate programs for students. There are nine guidelines. Three of the nine competencies/guidelines translate to three courses that only four-year institutions can offer. Western is currently developing three courses on-line for lateral entry certification only. The community college develops the program plans and Western’s contribution is the three courses. The RALC will recommend and issue licenses. SPED has already developed courses and Reading and Instructional Methods are in the process of developing them. Courses can start this summer 2006.

A lot of time is being spent on Teacher Education in response to Mr. Bowles “rationalization” of programs. There is a need to increase number of teachers in Math, Science, Middle Grades, and SPED and institutions are being asked to review programs to determine the possibility of continuing programs with low enrollment or partnering with other institutions in order to increase teachers in small number areas.

For the Council’s information, Dale announced that there was a change in BSED Program English and asked Catherine Carter to provide an explanation. The main change is to shorten the number of hours for program completion so students can finish in a timely manner. It is currently difficult for students to complete the English Teacher Education Program in four years.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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