Members Present: Bricker, Butcher, Carpenter, Connor, Corbin, Coulter, Dougherty, Kantz, Knotts, Nickles, Oren, Perlmutter, Schade, Schallock, Strahan, Unruh, Williford

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

Dale welcomed the group and introduced Dean Dougherty.

I. Dean Michael Dougherty

Michael began by thanking members for serving on the Council this past year. He shared that the radar scope is on teacher education (TE) production and administrators this next year. In President Bowles letter to the Chancellor he expressed his many thanks to our team for producing more math and science teachers, which puts us in the position to receive funds for our recruitment plan. TE production targets now go through 2012. Items of note include a new program for support of beginning teachers three years out to augment regular mentoring programs; a need to work with school systems on retention; and factoring out the Jamaican student information we only missed our total target by 2.2% instead of 12.8%.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 29, 2007 meeting were approved.

III. Policy and Procedures

A. Interviews for Licensure Only Plans

Dale explained that there is an undergraduate and MAT interview process in place but none for the Licensure Only Program (LOP). There are more plans being done by mail without a face to face component. Should we have LOP interviews and how would we handle them? There was a brief discussion of possible options, e.g. interview while in required course, submission of a video, telephone interviews, and cluster interviews. Motion and second to have all LOP candidates participate in an interview before being admitted into the teacher education program. Motion passed. Details of implementation will be determined at a later date.

IV. Information

A. Report from TaskStream Review (4/20/07)

Dale shared that overall, a lot of good things are happening like program/departments getting data to assess their program effectiveness; skills improving with use; and quality support both locally and through TaskStream. Areas needing improvement that were discussed included opportunities for training; subscribing and enrolling so many people; knowing who needs to do what and when; and time involved in reviewing Intern II portfolios. Recommendations included evaluating the system of who does what; streamlining the evaluation process; and increasing communications to stakeholders.
V. New Business

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) sent draft standards that the Professional Teaching Standards Commission put out which decreases the number of standards from 6 to 5 and includes new indicators to match the new goals. Standards are for experienced teachers however: (1) need to show pre-service candidates meet leadership standards in intern positions and (2) haven’t shown effectiveness of standards. They are not written for novice teachers but rather about the kind of teacher students should have. Dale suggested that council members email the commission if they have comments they would like to share. The commission will meet this weekend.

Gibbs Knotts handed out Graduate Programs in Education brochures.

Dale announced that he would be sending out a PEC survey/evaluation and encouraged council members to take a moment to complete it so ways to improve the Council could be determined.

Dale also extended his thanks and appreciation to everyone for their time and service on the Council this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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