

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL
MINUTES
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Members Present: Anderson-Ruff, Beaudet, Bernhardt, Binkley, Bricker, Cannon, Carpenter, Carter, Catley, Coone, Corbin, Corzine, Franklin, Honeycutt, Hunt, Ivey, Jorissen, Lofquist, McCreary, Nickles, Norris, Oren, Schallock, Steiner, Tapley, Unruh, West

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Dale Carpenter who welcomed the group for the first meeting of 2007-2008. Dale announced that Dean Michael Dougherty wished to welcome the group but was away on other business. He also announced that Barbara Schade, Licensure Specialist, is secretary to the Council but could not be present at this meeting.

Dale emphasized that everyone is a full member of the Council and should participate freely. In addition, the Council discusses individual students as part of its procedure and Council members were reminded to observe the confidentiality of Council deliberations regarding individual students.

Council members introduced themselves.

I. Dean Michael Dougherty

The dean was not present and away on other business.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 23, 2007 were approved.

III. Chair's Report

A. PEC Operations

Dale mentioned that Council members had been surveyed the last two years regarding Council operations. Results indicated that members want more time to discuss substantive issues and wanted to know more about programs. Dale said that the Council would attempt to incorporate both this year by including time for issues and having programs share at the Council.

B. Accreditation Visit Update

Dale provided an update on the upcoming visit by DPI and NCATE and promised to send website information to PEC members regarding the visit. He also mentioned the PEC meeting during the visit will be on Monday, November 5 at 3:00 p.m. in the UC Cardinal Room. Dale stated that reviewers would likely ask questions about who is on the PEC, what the PEC does, and examples of discussions that PEC has had.

IV. Information

A. Admissions – none

B. Curriculum – Two new courses have been approved: MATH 650, MATH 674

C. Appeals – none

D. Policy and Procedures – none

E. Field Experiences

Ken Hunt shared information about Field Experiences. For Early Field Experiences, 501 undergraduate placements were made this semester. Ken made the placements in one-on-one interviews with students for the first time this semester and reported that it was very successful. 162 Interns and Student Teachers are currently placed. Spring 2008 numbers will increase to 219

at this point. Ken also shared TaskStream evaluation reports that show that students are positive about their placements and host teachers are positive about the performance of the early field experience performance. In addition, both groups report that students are much more actively involved in P-12 classes than in the past.

F. Assessment

Renee Corbin shared assessment data from the most recent IHE Performance Report. Her distributed summary included information about numbers of students, admission data, Praxis data, licensure, etc. Extended discussion included the consumer survey conducted by DPI of first year teachers, their principals, and mentors. The results showed that ratings overall were slightly less this year than in past years. Discussion included possible reasons and suggestions. It was pointed out that two areas have been consistently lower than the others: Managing the Classroom and Preparing Diverse Learners. Discussion around these two areas, particularly Managing the Classroom, included among others two suggestions: 1) Examining if other data such as Exit Criteria ratings confirm the weaker areas. 2) A need to examine course coverage of classroom management to see where there are overlaps and gaps. Renee distributed other assessment data that was not discussed due to time constraints.

G. Technology

Lee Nickles updated the Council on recent TaskStream changes including streamlining requirements and improving communication and assistance to P-12 partners.

V. New Business A. Committees

Dale asked members to sign up for standing committees using a sign-up list passed around.

B. Liability Insurance for Interns/Student Teachers

Ken Hunt discussed the issue of liability insurance for interns and student teachers and distributed information from four UNC sister institutions. It was decided that Ken would draft a policy and statement informing WCU interns and student teachers about liability insurance options and bring back to the Council.

C. By-Laws

Dale stated that the Policy and Procedures Committee would need to review current PEC By-Laws to determine if changes are needed.

VI. Program Share – time did not permit

VII. Other - none

The Council adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Carpenter, Council Chair