Dan called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. He reminded the group that the PEC serves as the university level committee to provide approval for changes in our education programs before those program changes go before Faculty Senate. This special meeting was called to continue the Council’s consideration of approval for the following BSED revised programs: Birth-Kindergarten, Elementary Education, MAT Adapted, MAT General Curriculum, Undergraduate and Graduate Middle Grades, Music Education, Reading Certification, and Masters in School Administration. Dan introduced Lee Nickles to summarize the changes.

Lee reminded the group that the Professional Education Sequence (PES) was previously approved and today is the last chance for PEC approval before building courses for fall 2010. Some of the programs being discussed may have some minor technical issues but can be approved pending resolution of any technical issues that need to be resolved.

**BSED Birth-Kindergarten**

The BK program is re-organizing their curriculum moving courses within curriculum. There will be greater differentiation between Professional Education and Early Childhood concentrations. No new courses are planned. Motion and second to approve new program pending resolution of any technical issues. Motion passed.

**Special Education**

BSED Special Education program is shuffling some courses and eliminating concentrations (Adaptive Curriculum, Cherokee Studies, Language Arts, MG Mathematics) and making changes in course selection among other concentrations. Motion and second to approve new program pending resolution of any technical issues. Motion passed.

MAT – SPED – Severe Disabilities is being renamed MAT-Adapted Curriculum. It will include new emphasis in Autism and decrease hours in core from 15 to 9, making the concentration a 33 hour program. The question was asked if there would be a need for different Banner codes and CIP code. The Provost’s Office processes curriculum changes with General Administration and also updates distance information. Beth Lofquist said we can add specialty codes in our system and believes the CIP code should remain the same. Motion and second to approve the new program pending resolution of any technical issues. Motion passed.

MAT – SPED – Learning and Intellectual Disabilities is being renamed MAT-General Curriculum, decreasing hours in core, increasing in concentration, and reorganizing topics into current and some new courses (e.g., splitting language arts and math into separate courses). Motion and second to approve new program pending resolution of any technical issues. Motion passed.

**School Administration**

School Administration programs include both degree seeking MSA and Post Masters Public School Leaders principal add-on license areas. The MSA program will reduce hours, eliminate areas of concentration to have one core, and adjust some courses to account for the change (i.e. four core courses, plus one credit courses and internship). The add-on program will see some changes in courses. Motion and second to approve new programs pending resolution of any technical issues. Motion passed.

**BSED Elementary Education**

The Elementary Education program is splitting numerous former ELMG courses into elementary and middle grades components and will include a seminar to take as a co-requisite with EDCI 201 Teacher Leadership in a Diverse Society. One hour seminars will also be co-reqs with PSY 323 Understanding Development, Learning and Assessment for Responsive Instruction and SPED 339 Designing Classrooms as Responsive Learning Communities. Motion and second to approve new program pending resolution of any technical issues. Motion passed.

**Middle Grades**

BSED Middle Grades: As mentioned above, numerous former ELMG courses are now split into elementary and middle grades components. Middle Grades will include a seminar to take as a co-requisite with EDCI 201 Teacher Leadership in a Diverse Society. They are not including seminars as co-reqs for SPED 339 and PSY 323. Motion and second to approve new program pending resolution of any technical issues. Motion passed.
Middle Grades cont.

MAT Middle Grades program is replacing Internship 1 with field experiences throughout curriculum. Each methods and MG reading course will require field experience (affects 3-5 courses). Interns will find their own placements and a handbook will need to be developed. Additionally, there will be a new course on assessment and numerous former ELMG courses will split into elementary and middle grades components. Motion and second to approve new program pending resolution of any technical issues. Motion passed.

Reading Add-on License

As with Elementary and Middle grades, some reading courses were split into specialties in one or the other program and some course emphasis has shifted/broadened. Motion and second to approve new program pending resolution of any technical issues. Motion passed.

BSED Music

The music education program is responding to both re-visioning and their accrediting body NASM. They have dropped PSY 320 and 322 and will now use PES PSY 323 Understanding Development, Learning and Assessment for Responsive Instruction. They are adding more emphasis on instrumental music and adding courses on methods in elementary and middle grades. Motion and second to approve program pending resolution of any technical issues. Motion passed.

Concerning course transition overall, Dan encouraged departments to transition as many students as possible to the new program as long as the student will not have to take more semester hours. A cross list of old to new program course offerings should be developed in order to keep the old programs up for as short a time as possible.

Dan thanked everyone for their participation in this important process and shared that we still have six education programs to approve for new BSED programs. Beth announced that there are three more opportunities to get programs through the Faculty Senate. As long as the PEC can approve remaining programs in time to be brought to April Faculty Senate meeting, the new course offerings can be added for fall 2010. However, they won’t be available for pre-registration. In any event, the new courses cannot be loaded into BANNER until we’re through the entire process in May.

Council adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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