Members Present: Ayuninjam, Balasubramanian, Bauer, Beaudet, Corbin, Engel, Grube, Holt, Jorissen, Lofquist, Nickles, Norris, Rose, Schade, Schallock, Stewart, Unruh

I. Dean Perry Schoon

The Dean was away on other business and not present.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 9, 2011 meeting were approved.

III. Chair’s Report - none

IV. Information

A. Admissions – none

B. Curriculum – Lee Nickles

The majority of the meeting was devoted to curriculum matters.

BSED Math – reduction in credit hours in an effort to streamline the major

BSED Chemistry – increasing total number of hours in degree by one

EDCI 615 and EDL 701, 702, 703, 704 graduate courses – corrections to previous changes to ensure students that meet requirements can enroll and are not blocked from registering

ELED SAC changes – based on new state guidelines and an examination of the data regarding student enrollment in the Second Academic Concentrations, the following eight SACs will be removed as options for ELED majors: Anthropology, Biology, Cherokee, Organizational Communication, Philosophy, Political Science, Social Sciences, and Theatre.

Updates to MG Academic Concentrations – Each concentration area must have a minimum of 24 hours in the discipline area and may include at least one “methods” course in the area. This is a curriculum revision that is congruent with state Department of Public Instruction requirements for middle grades education, as well as UNC-Tomorrow and QEP initiatives at WCU.

Motion and second to consider all changes as one slate. Motion passed. Motion and second to approve slate. Motion passed, all changes approved.

C. Appeals – none

D. Policy and Procedures – none

E. Field Experiences – none

F. Assessment- none

G. Technology – none
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V. Old Business

A. PEC Membership Composition – Lee Nickles

Lee reported on the subcommittee’s determination for PEC membership regarding Article III: MEMBERS Section 1. It was recommended that the Council’s voting membership be changed to consist of one full time faculty member from each licensure area, the Deans or Associate Deans of the other colleges with professional education programs; one P-12 administrator; up to three P-12 teachers; two undergraduate students; and one graduate student. Ex-officio members shall consist of the Director of Field Experiences; The Director of Assessment for the College of Education and Allied Professions; the Director of Instructional Technology for the College of Education and Allied Professions; the Provost or designee; a representative of the Graduate School; and a representative of the Division of Educational Outreach. The Dean or Associate Dean of CEAP shall serve as Chairperson of the Council and the Licensure Specialist for CEAP shall serve as the Secretary for the Council. The membership of the Council shall be designed to bring a cross-section of views, ideas, knowledge and areas of expertise to facilitate the decision-making process. Members are encouraged to send a substitute from their unit if they are not able to attend.

Anyone interested in the meetings could attend, similar to the Faculty Senate, with both undergraduate and graduate program representatives welcome. However, there would be only one vote from each license area.

Amendments to by-laws need to be distributed to the membership two weeks before a vote. Therefore, there was a motion and second to distribute the proposed revisions to the PEC By-laws for a vote on April 18 at 4:00 p.m. in Killian 104. Votes may be cast anytime between now and then via email to Dan Grube or at the called meeting. A vote via email will count as your attendance. Motion passed.

VI. Other

Mary Ella Engel announced that Visiting Scholar Dr. Ron Butchart will be giving a talk April 6th at 6 pm in Killian 104 based on his book “Capturing Histories of Teachers and Teaching: The Making of Schooling the Freed People”, a history of the first generation of educators who taught in black schools during the Reconstruction. Dr. Butchart is a professor at the University of Georgia in the Elementary and Social Studies Departments.

In order to inform and solicit reactions and suggestions, Susan Stewart discussed a proposal that the Elementary Education and Special Education departments have been collaborating on for a dual program in ELED/SPED grades K-6. She shared that the current proposal includes two licenses, 127 semester hours, intentional semester-by-semester theme, co-planned course pairs, a Spanish 101 and 102 requirement, optional (non-required) concentrations, and new leadership course with content in collaboration and families. It would require revising some existing courses with a target date for beginning the program in fall 2012. DPI already has a licensing code for this area and Dale Carpenter is currently in communication with DPI.

Dan announced that a special meeting will be called for April 18 at 4 p.m. in Killian 104 to vote on the PEC membership composition. A formal meeting announcement will be sent shortly.

The Council adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Schade
PEC Secretary