

Professional Education Council (PEC)

Minutes

Wednesday, November 28, 2007

3:00pm Gooch 128

Present: F. Spano, C. Eckert, K. Evans, C. Whitlow, B. Hearn, R. Hartshorn, J. Butler, A. Duncan, Becky Cox, L. Brown, M.L. Hall, T. Eskew, J. Cook, D. Pigg, S. Fuqua

Welcome and Introductions- Dr. Hall welcomed everyone to the fall 2007 Professional Educational Council meeting. All members introduced themselves and stated what department within the unit each represents.

NCATE Visit-Fall 2009- During the fall 2009 semester, UT Martin will have a full NCATE accreditation visit. Dr. Hall encouraged the council to review the NCATE website periodically for updates and changes.

Dr. Hall distributed a copy of the article “NCATE Issues Call for Action: Defines Professional Dispositions as used in Teacher Education”. This article is also available at www.ncate.org/public/102407.asp?ch=148 .

Data Driven Decisions- Dr. Hall shared that all changes, decisions, etc. that take place within the unit need to be driven by documented data. For any changes that will affect individual programs there must be data to back up the change. It is imperative that the entire teacher education unit be on the same page.

When NCATE returns, they will closely examine our prior stipulations and what changes have been made. We will have to respond in detail to these changes and provide data to back up the changes. (Example: Currently we are requiring field experiences in secondary methods courses and we were not doing this at the last visit.)

Fairness and Consistency- Fairness and consistency are issues receiving stipulations. Jennifer Cook has worked with changing the interview process and updated information will be provided as available. She is also working to revise the field experience evaluation instruments to provide more fairness and consistency.

Partnerships- We must show that our partners are involved in program improvements and changes we are making within the unit.

Curricular Changes- The following curricular changes have taken place during the fall '07 semester or will take place this academic year. These items are shared as information only.

Ag Ed.- Ag Education added a 3 credit hour science course due to changes in Educational Studies reducing hours in TCED 211 and TCED 401. They needed to add a science course to help their students with the highly qualified status. Ag Ed majors are still required to take TCED 211, TCED 302, and TCED 303.

Music Ed. All Music Ed. Licensure must have a beginning year practicum (during the first week of public school) effective fall 08. This will be MUSED 310, a fall course. Music is the only licensure standard in the state that has this requirement. The state mandates it must be started by fall, 2009.

Secondary Method Courses- Council members asked Dr. Hall if we need to begin offering the secondary method courses in the evening to accommodate the MSIL students. Discussion by council members followed. Dr. Hall stated scheduling the class for evening would be a consideration for future semesters. Currently, at least two of the methods courses already meet in the evening.

MSIL Restructuring Committee- This committee has looked at the current MSIL program and compared UT Martin's program with that of other institutions across the state. The MSIL secondary methods courses will have field experiences. The committee proposes 42 hours to complete the degree with additional field experience hours added in the measurements course, the classroom management course, and a reduction of student teaching to 6 credit hours. However, student teachers must still complete 15 weeks of student teaching. A practicum course has been added for students teaching on an alternative license. Mentoring by university personnel will be provided during the practicum.

This proposal has been approved by the Graduate Council. The Faculty Senate will vote on the changes Tuesday, December 4th and if approved the changes will be effective fall 2008.

At the NCATE Retreat on December 7th, Portfolio Checkpoints will be discussed. A revision of the checkpoints will require a check in TCED 211, TCED 302, and in a selected methods course for particular licensure areas. Advisors will check the portfolio prior to student teaching, and at the end of student teaching.

Report on Field Experiences- Ms. Cook asked everyone to indicate if they are currently using the Level I & II forms she provided. Art and Dance stated they had added 30 hours of field experiences.

Ms. Cook stated that the Level I form is insufficient. The Standard 3 committee wants to revise the form. She distributed a "draft" of the committee's proposed change to the form. A copy of the proposed form is attached.

Criminal Background Checks- As of July 1st, all teachers in professional teacher education programs have to have criminal background checks. We will be implementing this change effective March, 2008.

NCATE Standard updates-

Standard 4- A diversity survey for faculty has been completed and a training will be done in the spring. A student survey will be completed in the spring also.

NOTE: The NCATE Retreat will be held on December 7th in Gooch 232

10am-12pm

Lunch will be served

Meeting Adjourned: 4:20pm

