

COUNCIL ON TEACHER EDUCATION

Thursday, January 14, 2010

3:30 p.m.

Shared Conference Room, Administration Building

The meeting was called to order by Michael Steiner, Chairperson, with the following members present: Jane Andrews, Rod Barr, Vincent Bates, Sydney Craddock, Barbara Crossland, Jason Eggers, Greg Haddock, Shelly Hiatt, Joe Kreizinger, Gabriela Martinez-Ramirez, and Max Ruhl. The following members were absent: Robert Frizzell, Ex Officio for Owens Library; Jan Glenn, College of Education and Human Services; Mike Hardy, Ex Officio for TESS; Terry Lovelace, College of Education and Human Services; Tom Smith, College of Arts and Sciences; and Nancy Zelif, Ex Officio for Vocational Education. Public school representatives Travis Dimmitt and Diane Moore were unable to attend. Phil Heeler was also present.

Mr. Barr moved to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2009, meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hiatt and unanimously approved.

Dr. Hiatt moved, seconded by Mr. Barr, to approve the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

Proposal 109-44-24, Change in Admission Requirements, M.S.Ed. in Teaching: Instructional Technology, was approved by COTE at the November meeting. This proposal went before the Graduate Council, and they voted to challenge this proposal. If the Graduate Council has questions, the process in accordance with our by-laws is for the proposal to be returned to us for clarification or recommended modification. After COTE reconsideration, the action of the COTE is communicated to the Graduate Council. Following review by the Graduate Council, the action of COTE may be challenged. Should this action be challenged, the issue shall be resolved by majority vote of the appropriate Teacher Education faculty. We received a letter from Dean Sanders, Chair of the Graduate Council, explaining the reasons for their request for reconsideration. The CS/IS Department has also provided a letter to respond to these concerns. Mr. Barr moved, seconded by Mr. Bates, for reconsideration of this proposal. Dr. Heeler addressed their rationale for this proposal and feels that this change strengthens the program. Dr. Heeler explained that they maintain a rigorous writing requirement in the program. The 3.0 GPA would be the only requirement for admission to this program. There was a question about the assessment requirement as we approach our DESE and NCATE accreditations. If this led to initial certification, it would definitely have to be addressed. We do have other master's programs without a GRE program. There was discussion about the merits of this proposal. Following the call for question, the motion carried with six in support, two opposed, and one abstention. Dr. Steiner will send a letter to Dr. Sanders explaining our action.

Director of Teacher Education Report: Dr. Ruhl addressed the following items with the Council:

1. The first Day at the Capital being sponsored by MACTE will be on February 10. MACTE has employed a lobbyist to represent them. We have a more extensive packet of information. If you would like to attend, please contact Dr. Ruhl.

2. On February 11, the Education Conference will be held. This conference gives us the opportunity to discuss teacher education issues in our state. This conference will be focused on closing the gap. Once again, if you would like to be involved, please let Dr. Ruhl know. There will be a team from Northwest attending (up to 8).
3. The University of Central Missouri has been using the AAT degree as a recruiting tool. They affirm that state minimum C-BASE Scores will be accepted with the AAT degree. Our program currently requires students to achieve an ACT of 21 in order for minimum state C-BASE be accepted for admission to our Teacher Education program. Dr. Ruhl is considering submitting a proposal to address this for AAT students in our program. There was discussion about the impact of the ACT score and C-BASE Requirement for admission to our Teacher Education program. The higher C-BASE requirement had been instituted to increase the probability of students fulfilling the Praxis requirement. It was noted that students have become very savvy about choosing their route to certification. There was a discussion about the merits of testing and requirements in our program. We will look further at summative data on admissions along with information from NCMC on their students' performance at the next COTE meeting.
4. We have had an Assistant Director of Teacher Education for a few years, and Joyce Piveral is currently serving in this role. Dr. Ruhl provided the organizational chart for the PEU. Dr. Ruhl discussed the possibility that we include this role as an ex officio member on the Council on Teacher Education. Based on this, Dr. Ruhl will propose this change to the by-laws.

The meeting was adjourned.

Max L. Ruhl, Executive Secretary

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