

COUNCIL ON TEACHER EDUCATION

Thursday; November 15, 2007

3:30 p.m.

Shared Conference Room, Administration Building

The meeting was called to order by Michael Steiner, Chairperson, with the following members present: Vincent Bates, Michelle Corson, Barbara Crossland, Max Fridell, Mike Graham for Bill Hedge, Nissa Ingraham for Joe Kreizinger, Jennie Lamb, Cheryl Malm, Barbara Martin, Karen Becker for Elisa Orr, Max Ruhl, and Nancy Zelif. Jane Andrews, College of Education and Human Services; Kimberly Erickson, Graduate Student Representative; Robert Frizzell, Ex Officio for Owens Library; Frances Shipley, Ex Officio for Graduate School; and Tim Wall, Ex Officio for Teacher Education Student Services, were absent. Public school representative Linda Gray-Smith was unable to attend. Joyce Pivaler was also present.

Dr. Malm moved to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2007 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lamb and unanimously approved.

Dr. Fridell moved, seconded by Dr. Graham, to approve the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Crossland moved, seconded by Dr. Malm, to approve Proposal 107-61-02, Change to Reflect Technology Institutional Requirement, B.S.Ed. for Secondary and Elementary/Secondary Programs. Dr. Pivaler explained that this proposal was developed following a meeting with the SECC regarding an earlier proposal. This proposal removes "Computers and Information Technology" (44-130) from the degree requirements for Secondary and Elementary/Secondary programs in order for students to select the Institutional Requirement in technology suited for their program. Dr. Zelif expressed concern that a proposal was not submitted to remove the multicultural course from the education degree requirements. It was determined that the multicultural course was not directly related to this proposal. Dr. Zelif moved that the motion be tabled since the proposal did not include signatures from affected departments. The motion failed for lack of a second. Dr. Graham called for the question. Discussion ensued about the call for the question, and Dr. Steiner determined that a majority supported the call for the question. The motion was approved with nine in support and one not in support. It was noted that the COTE does not have the authority to write a proposal.

The Council remained in session in order to discuss the Institutional Requirement for multiculturalism. Dr. Malm described the history of the Institutional Requirements with the Education degrees. By approval of the proposal at this meeting, the Secondary and Elementary/Secondary Education programs have been reduced by three hours. Dr. Ruhl explained that he cannot support changes in the multicultural requirements until this is further studied. Dr. Ruhl noted in the NCATE report that "Multiculturalism in

Education” is the centerpiece for meeting the diversity standard. By a more than two to one majority, programs that fail their NCATE accreditation or receive advisement do so related to the diversity standard. There are a number of groups on campus studying the implementation of the Institutional Requirements. The Faculty Senate has also passed a resolution addressing catalog language for the use of Institutional Requirements in majors/minors. These discussions may add clarity.

The meeting was adjourned.

Max L. Ruhl, Executive Secretary

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