

COUNCIL ON TEACHER EDUCATION

Thursday; January 16, 2014

3:30 p.m.

Shared Conference Room, Administration Building

The meeting was called to order by Rod Barr, Vice Chairperson, with the following members present: Christine Benson, Jill Baker (Chairperson, arrived during approval of the agenda), Max Fridell, Dan Gordon, Greg Haddock, Cheryl Malm, Mike McBride, Joyce Pival, Rena Smith, Shirley Steffens, Jennifer Wall, Katie Whelan, and Nancy Zelif. The following members were absent: Blaine Adams, Graduate Student Representative; Leslie Galbreath, Ex Officio for Owens Library; Joe Kreizinger, College of Arts and Sciences; and Linda Sterling, College of Education & Human Services. Public school representatives Heidi Beatty and Jason Eggers were unable to attend. Jawad Sadek was also present.

P-12 School Representatives Reports/Updates

Lori Snead reported that the schools are currently working on the changes in assessments and teacher evaluations.

Dr. Benson moved to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2013, meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Smith and unanimously approved.

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

Dr. Benson moved to remove Proposal 113-17-02, Change in Degree, M.S.Ed. in Teaching: Mathematics, from the table. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wall and unanimously approved. A statement was read from the Department of Professional Education. Following discussion, Dr. Benson moved, seconded by Dr. Wall to amend the proposal as submitted. There was further discussion. Dr. Benson called for the question. Following a voice vote, there was a call for division. By a show of hands, the vote was four in favor, four opposed, and one abstention. The motion failed.

Mr. Barr moved to approve Proposal 113-17-01, Change in Major, Mathematics. The motion was seconded by Dr. Pival and unanimously approved.

Dr. Benson explained that the Faculty Senate is considering moving up the dates for election of senators so that committees may be assigned prior to the end of the year for the upcoming academic year. We may want to consider changing the COTE By-laws to include the time when COTE committees are appointed.

Director of Teacher Education Report

Mr. Barr described the eMINTS training that four Northwest faculty and staff are currently participating. Some institutions include eMINTS training within their programs and students graduate with this certification. There was discussion about how this impacts our programs and the opportunities that it presents to us.

Dr. Malm reported that we still have not received our pre-visit team report. Our NCATE chair will be visiting our campus on February 3 & 4. Dr. Malm participated in a 3-hour webinar this morning about assessments. The content tests are being written now, and the frameworks are available. These tests will start being administered in September. We have also been approved as a pilot test site for the Pearson Content exam. The Entry Level Performance Assessment is to be implemented in Fall 2014. ETS is selecting the people that will be going to the score training.

Mike McBride reported that the current state of the DESE Annual Performance Report (APR) only scores four performance indicators and benchmarks. These are:

- Praxis passage rates 80% or higher
- 85% completer rate with 3.0 of content course GPA or 2.75 of cumulative GPA (depending on program)
- 90% completers reported they were at least fairly prepared (according to the Beginning Teacher Assistance Program, BTAP, survey, given to teachers during their first year)
- 90% of principals reported their new teachers were at least fairly prepared (according to the Beginning Teacher Assistance Program survey, given to principals of teachers during their first year)

Of these indicators, all Northwest educator preparation programs that met the enrollment/use minimums, of having at least 30 completers in the past three years and a response rate of 60% or higher in the BTAP, met the benchmarks. No programs that met these enrollment/use minimums failed to reach these benchmarks.

The meeting was adjourned.


Joyce Pival, Executive Secretary

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