

# COUNCIL ON TEACHER EDUCATION

Thursday; April 15, 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: Vincent Bates, Sydney Craddock, Barbara Crossland, Jason Eggers, Jan Glenn, Diane Moore, Joyce Pival, Max Ruhl, Shirley Steffens for Terry Lovelace (arrived during discussion of Proposal 210-62-05) and Nancy Zelif for Rod Barr. The following members were absent: Jane Andrews, College of Education and Human Services; Greg Haddock, Ex Officio for Graduate School; Mike Hardy, Ex Officio for TESS; Joe Kreizinger, College of Arts and Sciences; Gabriela Martinez-Ramirez, Graduate Student Representative; and Tom Smith, College of Arts and Sciences. Public school representative Travis Dimmitt was unable to attend.

P-12 School Representatives Reports/Updates: The P-12 school representatives had no reports or updates to discuss at this time.

Dr. Hiatt moved to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2010, meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Zelif and unanimously approved.

Dr. Steiner proposed to add an item to the agenda, a resolution pertaining to the Director of Teacher Education. Dr. Zelif moved, seconded by Dr. Glenn, to approve the agenda with the addition. The motion was unanimously approved.

Proposal 210-62-05, Change in Credit Hours, Introduction to Special Education (62-371), change from 2 to 3 credit hours was tabled at the previous meeting. Dr. Glenn moved, seconded by Dr. Crossland, to remove the proposal from the table. The motion carried with two abstentions.

Dr. Foley attended the meeting to present additional information on this proposal. DESE is requiring all general education students to demonstrate knowledge of and/or competency in selected SPED Cross-Categorical Education Competencies. After looking at 62-371, Introduction to Special Education, as well as the methods courses in each content area, it was discovered that many of the competencies weren't covered in these courses. Therefore, in an effort to cover all of these competencies, it was proposed to add one hour to 62-371, Introduction to Special Education. Concerns were expressed regarding the addition of one credit hour to students' programs of study. Discussion then ensued about other ways these competencies could be incorporated into the coursework. After reviewing the proposal, it was noted that there wasn't a proposed implementation date. It was noted that this could be a situation where both a two-hour section and a three-hour section of 62-371 will need to be offered with the implementation of the three-hour section being Fall 2011. Dr. Steiner called for the question on the proposal with the implementation date amended to Fall 2011. The motion to approve the proposal carried with six in support and two opposed.

Director of Teacher Education Report: Dr. Ruhl shared that he, along with Dr. Carla Mebane and Dr. Terry Barmann, had recently met with the superintendent of the Kansas City Missouri School District to explore a Professional Development School (PDS) partnership. Dr. Ruhl noted that we need to decide which school districts we would like to build in-depth PDS

relationships with and begin working on these partnerships. The Council discussed the potential of various schools based on strategies and quality bases. This discussion will continue to isolate those we wish to move forward to with MOU's.

Resolution of the Council on Teacher Education: Dr. Steiner read a resolution honoring Dr. Ruhl and his service to Northwest. He asked for a motion to approve this resolution, and it was approved by acclamation.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Max L. Ruhl, Executive Secretary

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## **A Resolution of the Council on Teacher Education**

Northwest Missouri State University

April 15, 2010

WHEREAS, Dr. Max Ruhl, Dean of the College of Education and Human Services and Director of Professional Education will retire effective July 1 2010, after completing outstanding service to public education and Northwest Missouri State University in particular since 1987, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ruhl earned promotion to the rank of Professor in 1995, served as chair of the Department of Educational Leadership from 1990 to 1997, and was named Dean of the College of Education and Human Services, in 1997, and

WHEREAS, under his thirteen years of superb leadership the College of Education and Human Services and the Professional Education Unit have earned distinction, including the highly prestigious Christa McAuliffe Award for Excellence in Teacher Education, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ruhl was instrumental in establishing Northwest's Kansas City Center in Liberty and partnerships across the nation and abroad, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ruhl has led the Professional Education Unit at Northwest Missouri state through numerous review processes that have highlighted the extraordinary effectiveness of the program and its leadership,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED that the Council on Teacher Education takes great pleasure in recognizing the significant professional achievements and visionary leadership of Dr. Max Ruhl, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he has made to the Professional Education Unit, the College of Education and Human Services, Northwest Missouri State University, and the profession of education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be included in the permanent minutes of the Council on Teacher Education and that copies be sent to Dr. Ruhl to share with his family; to Dr. Douglas Dunham, Provost; to Dr. John Jasinski, President of Northwest Missouri State University; and to the Board of Regents of Northwest Missouri State University.