

COUNCIL ON TEACHER EDUCATION

Thursday; September 10, 2009

4:00 p.m.

Shared Conference Room, Administration Building

The meeting was called to order by Max Ruhl, Executive Secretary, with the following members present: Rod Barr, Barbara Crossland, Travis Dimmitt, Jason Eggers, Jan Glenn, Greg Haddock, Shelly Hiatt, Marilyn Rhea for Joe Kreizinger, Terry Lovelace, Diane Moore, and Michael Steiner. The following members were absent: Jane Andrews, College of Education and Human Services; Vincent Bates, College of Arts and Sciences; Sydney Craddock, Undergraduate Student Representative; Robert Frizzell, Ex Officio for Owens Library; Mike Hardy, Ex Officio for Teacher Education Student Services; Tom Smith, College of Arts and Sciences; and Nancy Zeliff, Ex Officio for Vocational Education;.

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

The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Chairperson. Dr. Lovelace nominated Dr. Michael Steiner, and the nomination was seconded by Dr. Crossland. Mr. Barr moved to accept Dr. Steiner by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Glenn and unanimously approved.

The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Vice Chairperson. Dr. Lovelace nominated Mr. Rod Barr, and the nomination was seconded by Mr. Eggers. Mr. Dimmitt moved to cease nominations. The motion to cease nominations was seconded by Dr. Crossland and unanimously approved. Dr. Glenn moved to accept Mr. Barr's nomination by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hiatt and unanimously approved.

The Council on Teacher Education meetings for this school year have been set for 3:30 p.m. on October 8, 2009; November 5, 2009; December 3, 2009; January 14, 2010; February 11, 2010; March 11, 2010; and April 8, 2010. Due to the preparation of the 2010-2012 Undergraduate Catalog, we anticipate a large number of proposals for the October and November meetings.

The PEU Teams for 2009-2010 were presented. Mr. Barr moved to approve the teams as provided and amended. The motion was seconded by Dr. Lovelace and unanimously approved.

Mr. Barr moved, seconded by Dr. Hiatt, to approve Proposal 209-27-08, Change in Major, Unified Science: Earth Science. Following Dr. Haddock's explanation of the changes in the major, the motion was unanimously approved.

Director of Teacher Education Report

Dr. Ruhl stated that Erin Gruwell will be our Ploghoft Lecturer on September 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ron Houston Performing Arts Center. We are attempting to contact all of the students that have been involved in our residential internships and practicums serving the urban schools along with the faculty and staff that have worked with these programs and invite them to attend.

Council members were provided with the CEHS/PEU Strategic Plan and Diversity Plan for approval by the Council. The CEHS/PEU Strategic Plan is designed with three points:

1. The CEHS/PEU will be known for quality and effectiveness in the classroom.
2. The CEHS/PEU will maximize impact through strong partnerships.
3. The CEHS/PEU will demonstrate respect for and embrace diversity while ensuring inclusion.

Max Fridell had chaired a committee that completed a major revision of the Diversity Plan. Dr. Ruhl would like the COTE to review and prioritize the goals in this plan as we proceed this year and following years. Please notify Dr. Ruhl if you have items that need to be added to the strategic plan or the diversity plan. These plans will be placed on our next agenda for approval and are being reviewed by the CEHS Chairs Council for their approval.

We have begun drafting the Annual Report to the COTE. When completed, it will come before this group and action steps will be identified.

Joyce Pivalar has been serving as the Assistant Director of Teacher Education for some years. This year, the role has been formalized with release time and compensation.

P-12 School Representatives Reports/Updates

Jason Eggers shared that through the Professional Learning Communities, his high school faculty are collaborating with University faculty. You may be receiving an invitation to attend these meetings which should only last between 30-45 minutes, and this is an open invitation. They would like to increase the bridge of collaboration between high school and university faculty.

Max L. Ruhl, Executive Secretary

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