

MINUTES
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL
Wednesday, October 14, 2009–3:30 pm
Tate Page Hall 334

Voting Members Present: Retta Poe, Chair (for Sam Evans), Janice Smith (for Lauren Bland), Fred Carter, Libby Jones, Grace Lartey, David Lenoir, Nathan Love, Hope Marchionda, Lucy Maples, Kerrie McDaniel, Michael McDonald, Doris Sikora, Sharon Spall, Tadayuki Suzuki, Robyn Swanson, Patti Whetstone, La'Shai Williamson
Guests: Alex Poole Advisory Members Present: Ellen Gott, Tony Norman
Department Heads Present: Sherry Powers

La'Shai Williamson was introduced as the new undergraduate student representative to the Council.

The minutes from the September 9, 2009 meeting were approved as they appear on the web.

New Business

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES – Office of Teacher Services

- Presentation of Candidates Completing Requirements for Admission to the Professional Education Unit September 10, 2009, to October 14, 2009

There was a Carter/Jones motion to approve/second. The motion passed.

POTTER COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS – Department of English

It was agreed to take the first three proposals together:

- Delete a Course – English 508, TESL Field Experience
- Create a New Course – English 405, Teaching English as a Second Language Practicum
- Create a New Course – English 405G, Teaching English as a Second language Practicum

There was a Swanson/Love motion to approve/second. Dr. Poe informed the Council members that English 405 and 405G had been changed to English 471 and 471G due to the fact that number assigned had been used in the past. Alex Poole presented these proposals. There was discussion and some edits mentioned. The motion then passed with mentioned revisions.

- Revise Course Title – ENG 469, Introduction to Teaching English as a Second Language

There was a Jones/Swanson motion to approve/second. The motion passed.

It was agreed to take the following two proposals together:

- Revise a Program – Endorsement to Teach English as a Second Language (ESL) (Undergraduate Level)
- Revise a Program – Endorsement to Teach English as a Second Language (ESL) (Graduate Level)

There was a Sikora/Jones motion to approve/second. The motion passed.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES – School of Teacher Education

Dr. Tony Norman temporarily chaired the Council meeting while Retta Poe presented the following proposal:

- Create a New Course – EDU 695, Advanced Topics in Education

There was a Poe/McDaniel motion to approve/second. Retta presented. One edit was mentioned and the motion passed.

Other Business

Fred Carter reported that there are students who have applied to do student teaching in Spring 2010 but who have not met one or both of the following requirements: (1) that they have achieved a “3” (“at standard”) or higher on all professional education dispositions, and (2) that they have achieved critical performance scores that average at least 3.0 overall and at least 2.5 per standard. Discussion followed regarding how to handle this and whether these students should be denied approval to do student teaching.

There was a Whetstone/Swanson motion/second to allow Fred Carter to review the cases of each of the thirty-three Spring 2010 students and at his discretion allow students with only 1 problem area to go ahead with student teaching. Further, he will meet individually with those who have 2 or more problem areas and discuss with them the fact that they will have to perform at standard by the end of student teaching. The students will then be allowed to do student teaching, but Carter will also share the concerns with the students’ university supervisors. The motion passed.

Tony Norman spoke briefly on the following topics:

- Unit-Wide Assessment Report
- Teacher Work Sample Revision Task Force
 - People are to let Sherry Powers know if they want to participate.
- Proficiencies related to Diversity Task Force
 - The School of Teacher Education is in the process of forming this task force. Contact: Marge Maxwell

The meeting adjourned at 4:35.

Susan Krisher, Secretary