

COPE
Minutes, February 10, 2009
Graduate School Conference Room

PRESENT: John Beineke, Mary Jane Bradley, Tonya Fillipino (via telephone), Julie Grady, Joanna Grymes, Natalie Johnson-Leslie, Tillman Kennon, Don Maness, Gwendolyn Neal, Gayle Pendergrass, Ron Towery,

Proxies: Ron Towery for Tom Fiala, July Grady for Julie Lamb-Milligan

CALL TO ORDER

Johnson-Leslie called the meeting to order at 3:30.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kennon moved to approve the minutes of November 19, 2008; Pendergrass seconded.

OLD BUSINESS

In a previous meeting, Kennon had discussed changing policy to require Program of Study (POS) students to take Praxis II content exams prior to beginning the POS field experience. The suggestion would ensure some level of content competency prior to the internship experience.

Dr. Maness suggested that at the graduate level, programs might make their own policy related to Praxis II.

COPE member provided consensus, suggesting that Kennon bring forward a recommendation for the POS program regarding requiring the Praxis II content exam prior to field experience from the department. This would also help with POS candidates with MLED licensure pushed forward to secondary licensure by their school district; the candidate could be required to pass the Praxis II content exam prior to developing a program of study for the individual.

NEW BUSINESS

NCATE Update

Dr. Maness provided updated information on the NCATE visit.

Key dates:

April 10 – Draft of the report due

August 1 – report complete
Oct 17 – 21, NCATE visit

SPA updates:

19 submitted
12 Nationally Recognized
6 Nationally Recognized with Conditions
1 Nationally Recognized with Probation

2 more are pending – Ag Ed and PE

4 programs approved through their national association but not through the SPA process

COPE Meeting Schedule

We will alternate meetings on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The next meetings will be: Wednesday, March 18 at 3:30 and Tuesday, April 21, at 3:30. A special meeting may be called to address curriculum issues that come forward as departments work toward Bulletin Changes.

Committee Reports

Advanced – No report

Basic Curriculum

Has met and is working toward an alignment with the Curriculum Framework, Pathwise Domains and the licensure standards. The committee is also looking at what is new in undergraduate teacher education programs since 2002.

Unit Planning – No report

Student Affairs – No report

Faculty Affairs

Responsible for and working toward two major tasks:

Update faculty list

Provide list of online publications for faculty

Program Evaluation

The Program Evaluation Committee is working on its assigned charge, which is to determine the role of the PE committee with the implementation of the Unit Assessment Committee.

Field Experiences – no report

Unit Assessment

Met after the last COPE meeting; made recommendations to COPE and the Head of the Unit about programs recommendations. Those programs are beginning to report back to the Unit Assessment committee.

P4 Forum - No report

4-8 Forum:

Analyzed data collected through the Intern Exit Exam and provided a report back to Dr. Maness.

Advanced Forum – No report

7-12/P-12 Combined Forums: Met and reported together

- PLT portion of Praxis II is not as high as would prefer
- Looking at curriculum alignment – to identify what PLT content is taught in the different courses in order to identify gaps in content.
- Discussed possibility that the program would change the Intro class to 3 hours and add a 2 hour Intro to Ed Tech course.
- Looking at the sequencing coursework.
- Identified Library resources for what could support students in Praxis II.
- Identifying to see if ETS provides supports for the content for Praxis II.

OTHER BUSINESS

None reported.

Meeting is adjourned 4:18 pm.