

COPE Minutes
Tuesday, June 29, 2010
3:00 p.m.
Graduate School Conference Room

Welcome—

Present: Julie Grady, Julie Lamb Milligan, Dixie Keyes, Deb Owens, Ron Towery, Gina Hogue, Tillman Kennon, Tom Fiala, Dianne Lawler, Ralph Ruby

Ex-officio: Don Maness (Dean), Greg Meeks (Associate Dean), Mary Jane Bradley

Proxies: Julie Lamb Milligan (proxy for Gwen Neal), Dixie Keyes (proxy for Patty Murphy), Deb Owens (for Joanna Grymes), Ron Towery (proxy for Tonja Fillippino), Ralph Ruby (proxy for Kevin Humphrey)

Meeting convened at 3:01 pm The following business was conducted :

1. Approval of May 12, 2010 Minutes—Recommendation was made that we add the following statement to the minutes, “Following the meeting a work session was held to consider revisions to the PEF governance document...Document to be presented at the next COPE meeting.”

Tom Fiala made the motion to accept minutes with changes, and Tillman Kennon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Advanced Conceptual Framework Draft—Greg Meeks provided background of need for Advanced Level Conceptual Framework Task Force results. Gina Hogue described their process and the need for a broad framework to encompass all COE advanced programs. References are still being gathered (only mathematics needed). The Assessment piece also needs to be added. Gina Hogue shared that their result was the “foundational piece,” and the assessments have yet to be produced. She also noted the positive impact of the process in order to find coherence or gaps in the program. Greg Meeks shared that a Steering Committee will be created, will attend the NCATE conference in September, and will identify the assessment pieces needed. Then task forces will be created to further the process. COE has contracted with Kim Boyd from Oral Roberts as a consultant based on recommendations for this specific NCATE standard. Dr. Maness noted the document presented as a “work in progress.” There was a request to officially acknowledge the dedication and hard work of the Advanced Conceptual Framework Task Force chaired by Dr. Gina Hogue.

Motion to “receive” the Advanced Conceptual Framework Document by Julie Lamb Milligan and seconded by Dianne Lawler. Discussion ensued. During discussion, it was suggested that questions/suggestions be sent to the task force so they can be considered further.

The motion to receive was passed unanimously.

3. Professional Education Governance Document Draft—
Discussion was held about departmental representation on COPE

The purpose of advanced programs was considered—if COPE members represent policy changes for ALL advanced programs, decisions could be made without appropriate representation for ALL programs. The common assessments

and unit frameworks that bind the advanced programs should be considered when thinking of representation.

General agreement around the table seemed to be that adding an Advanced Program Council would be better than the 50% graduate load requirement. The issue of the label “forum” vs “council” for forums was also discussed. There was also a recommended for a commitment of faculty of a year to a particular forum. General agreement was to take the term “council” and “forum” away and just use the term “programs.”

There was also a suggestion to enhance program communication through online discussions/blogging. This was favorably received.

Dianne Lawler made a motion a was seconded by Dixie Keyes that a task force be appointed to make revisions to the PEF Governance document draft. An amendment to the motion was made that COPE be the recommended task force. The amended motion was seconded.

Vote on the amended motion: Motion passed.

Next, we held a vote on the original motion that revisions be made to the PEF Document. The results of the vote was two abstentions and the rest yes. Motion passed. Any available COPE members will meet to revise the document on Thursday, July 15th at 1pm.

5. No Committee or Forum Reports
7. Meeting was adjourned at 4:32