

COPE
Minutes
October 22, 2008, 3:30 pm
Graduate School Conference Room

Present: J. Beineke, M.J. Bradley, T. Fiala, T. Fillippino, J. Grady, J. Grymes, G. Hogue, N. Johnson-Leslie (chair), T. Kennon, D. Keyes, J. Lamb-Milligan, D. Lawler-Prince, D. Maness, P. Murphy, G. Neal, R. Ruby, R. Towery, R. Owens (guest)

APPROVAL of the OCTOBER 8, 2007 MINUTES

Lawler Prince moved and Murphy seconded approval of the minutes. Grymes noted she had reordered the minutes so it was clear that Dr. Beineke's discussion of the ELSE Course proposals and related memo from the dissenting members of the College of Education Curriculum Committee occurred after the motions to approve the two ELSE courses had been approved.

The minutes were approved with the changes as noted.

OLD BUSINESS

COPE Sub-Committee Charges will be sent to the chairs by email. The charges are still being revised.

Murphy moved to amend the COPE policy handbook to have COPE meet monthly (Murphy). Ruby seconded. During discussion the following was suggested: Allow this to be announced at the next PEF meeting and finalized at the next COPE meeting final approval. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Ruth Owens attended available to answer questions about the proposals.

New Program Proposal: TESOL Licensure Endorsement

If students are enrolled in a Teacher Education program they would be able to take the courses for the endorsement. There was discussion about how courses and programs might be scheduled to allow students to participate in the program who are already taking courses.

Motion to accept the TOSEL licensure program was made by Hogue; Ruby seconded. Motion was approved.

The TESOL Certificate program is not under COPE purview and was not addressed.

Bulletin Change Proposal: EDLA/WLAN 4633

Grymes moved to approve and Lawler-Prince seconded approval of EDLA 4633. This is a change of language in a current course. "Foreign Language" is being changed to "Second Language." The motion passed.

New Course Proposal: EDLA 4643/WLAN 4643.

The proposed courses are those which match licensure requirements and are similar to the other programs within the state.

Towery moved approval of the course, Lamb-Milligan seconded. The course outline should be changed to 14 weeks. The motion passed.

New Course Proposal: EDLA/WLAN 4653

Motion for approval of the proposal was made by Ruby; Hogue seconded. The motion passed.

New Course Proposal: EDLA/WLAN 4663

This course focuses specifically on ADE expectations and using the students' culture for the basis of teaching rather than a multicultural education course. There was discussion about students taking the course earlier in their program than proposed as a senior course in order to complete the courses prior to internship. Motion to accept was made by Ruby; Fillippino seconded. The motion passed.

New Course Proposal: TILA 4836

This proposal was aside; it is for the certificate program.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Maness asked to add other business. Last year COPE approved the creation of the Unit Assessment Committee. Dr. Maness discussed the process the Unit Assessment Committee has implemented to oversee unit assessment and review assessment data. Dr. Beineke will be issuing a Unit Assessment Annual Report that will be sent to the Professional Education Faculty by November 1 of each year. The report will be sent electronically to the PEF.

The programs have engaged in program evaluation. The Unit Assessment Committee has allowed the unit to close the loop and fully engage in unit assessment. The Unit Assessment Committee reports to COPE and will receive the committee's annual report.

Dr. Beineke reported on discussion from the last PEF meeting. Dr. Kenneth Henson addressed the faculty on writing for the profession. There was stated interest by PEF faculty in providing professional development related to this topic again. Dr. Henson would be willing to address more the publishing aspect. It might be arranged as a two-hour presentation on a Friday in the spring semester. Dr. Beineke is trying to respond to the stated needs and interests of the PEF.

No other business was presented.

Next meeting: November 19, 2008, 3:30 pm, College of Education Dean's Office Meeting adjourned Murphy and Lamb-Milligan.

Chair Johnson-Leslie adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanna Grymes