

COPE
Minutes, April 21, 2009 @ 3:30 pm
Graduate School Conference Room

Present: John Beineke, Mary Jane Bradley, Tonja Fillipino (telephone), Joanna Grymes, Natalie Johnson-Leslie, Tillman Kennon, Dixie Keys, Julie Lamb-Milligan; Dianne Lawler-Prince, Don Maness, Patty Murphy, Gwendolyn Neal, Gayle Pendergrass, Ron Towery,

Visitor: Mitch Holifield

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

She asked for approval of the minutes. Lawler Prince moved and Kennon seconded approval of the minutes as distributed.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Teacher Education has requested an addition COPE meeting before the end of the semester. The Chair set a date for Wednesday, May 6, 2 pm, place to be announced.

Bulletin Changes for ELSCE

Mitch Holifield presented the proposals from ELSCE.

The first is to delete ELAD 7063 Educational Facilities and approve ELAD 7043 Management of Operations Systems for Learning in its place. This change reflects a course which better reflects what is happening in school districts.

The Specialist program is moving toward 5 weeks courses, taking 2 courses a semester. Anyone one course would be 5 weeks long, with a break between courses that includes field experiences related to the internship for the program.

The motion was made to replace ELAD 7063 with the new course ELAD 7043 (Julie Lamb-Milligan moved; Gwendolyn Neal seconded); the motion was approved with one abstention.

A request was made for the new course, ELAD 7073, Schooling in a Pluralistic Society; this course replaces 3 hours of elective in the program. This course came about from an audit of the program conducted during the SPA review process. This course will follow the same 5 week module format. The motion to accept ELAD 7073 was made by Ron Towery; Gayle Pendergrass seconded. The motion carried with one abstention.

Mitch Holifield addressed the bulletin change for the Education Leadership Specialist program overall; essentially the options for electives have been deleted and the two proposed courses (7073 and 7043) added with an expected implementation date of Fall 09. Once approved through the ASU system then it will go forward to ADE for approval of the changes to the program.

The motion to approve was made by Dianne Lawler-Prince and seconded by Natalie Johnson-Leslie. The motion passed with one abstention.

Bulletin Changes for Fine Arts

Gayle Pendergrass discussed the proposal. ADHE has established programs must graduate a minimum number of students to remain viable and the BSE in Art Education does not meet the expectation. The Art Department is requesting to strike the BSE in Art Education and have students complete the BFA with an education emphasis. The basic difference is increasing the number of hours of art (12 additional hours with the BFA). Pendergrass did not think that which degree (BSE or BFA) mattered for hiring purposes as long as the individual was licensed; the BFA is the preferred degree for admission to graduate programs.

The motion to approve was made by Julie Lamb-Milligan and seconded by Patty Murphy; the motion passed unanimously.

Recommended Changes to the Teacher Education Handbook (Student Affairs)

The Dean's Office had sent out the recommended revisions to the Teacher Education Handbook sent by Tom Fiala on behalf of the Student Affairs Committee; Mary Jane Bradley presented the recommendations in Fiala's absence.

- Deleting the Speech and Theater education programs

- Updating the information regarding COPE governance
- Updating to reflect NCATE 2008 Standards from 2002
- Adding statement regarding expectation for completing unit assessments and posting them to the electronic portfolio
- Updating that all Professional Education courses require a C or better
- Changing #2 Checkpoint 3 to be the same as #2 in Checkpoint 2
- Changing title of Post internship portfolio to Learning to teach teaching to learn portfolio requirement

Dianne Lawler-Prince moved to accept with revisions discussed to the Teacher Education Handbook; Julie Lamb-Milligan seconded. The motion passed.

Bradley stated that there will be some additional changes in the Handbook coming forward.

NCATE Update

Dr. Maness reported that 3 SPA rejoinders were submitted on April 15: Languages, Gifted and Talented and Special Education P4. Three additional rejoinders are scheduled for September: Reading, English and Science. The last is scheduled for February 10: School Psychology

COPE and Forum Chairs

Dr. Maness is requesting that the Forum Chairs and Standing Committee chairs remain in place during the 2009-2010 if willing. One of biggest challenges for COPE each year is assisting the primarily new chairs of committees and forums with the committee charges and responsibilities. Asking chairs to serve another year would allow the work of the committees and forums to continue more easily as we move into the NCATE visit. There is the potential for the Professional education faculty to vote on this if necessary.

Ron Towery moved to request the Head of the Unit send the Professional Education faculty a ballot on the issue of retaining the current Standing Committee and Forum chairs for the 09-10 year and then ask chairs if they would serve in the next year. Gayle Pendergrass seconded. Motion passed.

Delayed Business

Committee and Forum reports will be delayed to the next meeting (May 6).

Meeting adjourned at 4:30.