

COPE Committee Minutes
April 24, 2012

Present: Andy Mooneyhan, Dixie Keyes (Joanna Grymes), Lance Bryant, Steve Bounds, Mary Jane Bradley, Ralph Ruby, Jane Marie Dewailly, Greg Meeks, Audrey Bowser, Jacques Singleton (Julie Milligan), Gwen Neal (Dave Holman), Nancy Bacot (Deb Owens)

- I. Approval of minutes from March 27, 2012: unanimously approved.
- II. Bulletin Increase GPA for admission and retention in BSE degree programs in TE: Discussion involved purpose behind bulletin change which seemed to be improved content area knowledge for teacher candidates that would help with teacher success and retention.
 - a. Specific concerns:
 - i. Would older students returning to school with lower grades have a way to raise their GPA's to meet program entry requirements?
 - ii. Please clarify if this was a 2.75 for both overall or in major, or just overall?
 - iii. Will SCED follow suit in raising the GPA requirement?
 - iv. Lower content grades can still be low with a 2.75 qualification and may not help the concern for content. And "content" means something different to various program areas. In ECH and MLED programs "content" largely refers to the general education courses related to writing, math, science and history. Yet in SCED, that would refer to the major they have chosen. Would making a Praxis 2 Content passing as a prerequisite to internship requirement help?
 - v. Audrey brought up Arkansas Geographical Needs GPA is a 2.5—will we be eliminating more minority students from the program?
 - vi. Ralph motioned to amend the original motion and table the motion.
Unanimous approval.
- III. Next meeting: we will not schedule another meeting, but we will contact members throughout the summer if a meeting is needed. Everyone approved this idea.
- IV. Dixie made a motion that COPE designate a Field Experience/Partnership Task Force: Representative from each area program (ECH, MLED, SCED, MAT, SPEC, HPESS, Field Exp rep). 8 reps. Unanimous approval. Dixie volunteered to be the convener and MLED rep, Gwen Neal for SPEC, Lance Bryant (HPESS), Nancy Bacot (ECH), Don Maness (SCED), Jane Marie (MAT); Field Exper (MJ Bradley). Charge to discuss the possibility of reinstating the Field Experience/Partnership committee as a standing institutional committee. Look at the charges of the committee that used to be and determine how it would impact the governance documents. Unanimous approval for individuals on task force.
- V. The MSE in Physical Education is at the COE curriculum meeting for approval. This is not actually an agenda item.
- VI. Motion to adjourn at 2: 53 pm.