

University Council on Teacher Education
Minutes for December 21, 2006
10:00-12:00
200 Academy Street

Members Present: Nancy Brickhouse, Laura Glass, Steve Goodwin, Joseph Pika, Bonnie Robb, Gail Rys, Barbara VanDornick, Carol Vukelich, George Watson

Members Excused: Timothy Barnekov, Penny Deiner, Barry Joyce

Guest Present: Robert Grey, John Hartman, Lynn Worden

The Council unanimously approved the October 19, 2006 minutes.

Announcement

Carol Vukelich wished Penny Deiner a happy retirement.

Old Business

I. Praxis II Testing Requirements (Barbara VanDornick)

Barbara moved that effective September 1, 2007 candidates are required to take the appropriate Praxis II examination required by the State of Delaware for Institutional Recommendation. For a program for which the State of Delaware has not approved a Praxis II examination, the program coordinator must specify the Praxis II examination candidates in such a program are required to take. (Candidates do not need to pass a Praxis II examination for Institutional Recommendation; candidates must take the appropriate Praxis II examination.)

The Council unanimously approved this motion.

II. Teacher Education ID Badges (John Hartman)

The Office of Clinical Studies proposed to the Office of Student Services and the Registrar's Office that the current University ID be modified slightly (with an expiration sticker) to be used as the teacher education badge. These offices rejected any modification of the ID badge. Therefore, John proposed that teacher education candidates purchase lanyards from the bookstore. The Office of Clinical Studies will make a UD Teacher Education insert with an expiration date. The inserts will change colors every other year. Candidates will insert their University ID into the lanyard in front of the Office of Clinical Studies prepared insert. Faculty and staff would be required to use these same badges; this would require all supplemental professionals to obtain a University ID. Gail Rys raised concerns about security and transferability. Members noted that the current system is not a fail-safe system and that the proposed system posed no additional security issues. The new system also would be much more cost and time effective for the Office of Clinical Studies. In addition, John noted that feedback received from principals has been positive.

A motion was made and approved to move forward with the new Teacher Education ID badges, with one abstention.

New Business

I. Praxis I (Barbara VanDornick)

In October, UCTE approved the elimination of the appeal process associated with the policy that candidates are required to pass Praxis I as a prerequisite to student teaching. A question was raised regarding whether or not to allow current seniors to appeal to UCTE to student teach this spring if they have not pass Praxis I since the policy was not approved until October. There are currently 12 students who have not submitted passing Praxis I scores who have scheduled to student teach in the spring. Much of the discussion suggested that the current no-exception policy is adequate. George Watson made a motion that the no appeal process take effect as of September 2007. The motion failed to pass, with 3 abstaining members. Therefore, all candidates who student teach this spring MUST have submitted passing Praxis I scores.

II. Cooperating Teacher Student Teaching Evaluations (John Hartman)

John Hartman distributed the results from last spring's University supervisor and cooperating teacher student teaching evaluations. Overall the results were excellent. John will distribute the results to individual program coordinators.

III. Release Forms (Carol Vukelich)

Tabled until next meeting.

IV. Program Changes (Gail Rys)

The following program changes were unanimously approved by the Council:

A. M.Ed. in Educational Leadership

1. To identify School Administration and Adult and Post-Secondary Administration as concentrations (instead of specializations)
2. For the School Administration concentration, to change the EDUC 879 Internship requirement to 6 credits and remove EDUC 863 as a required course
3. For the Post-Secondary Administration concentration, to remove EDUC 863 as a required course and replace it with an elective
4. To change the application deadlines to April 1 for fall admission and November 1 for spring admission

B. M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction, Secondary Mathematics Education

1. To eliminate the Praxis II requirement for those candidates who are not seeking initial certification.

C. M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction, Middle School Mathematics Certification Option

1. To revise the admission requirement to include two semesters of Calculus (instead of only one semester) and 15 credits in mathematics
 2. To require the candidates in the Middle School Mathematics certification option will take four specific courses (MATH582, MATH 583, MATH 588, and MATH 590) as part of the program of study
 3. To require Praxis II only for candidates in the certification option
- D. Ed.D. Administration and Policy Concentration Internship
1. To increase the internship requirement from 3 to 6 credits to reflect revised standards for students enrolled in the Administration and Policy concentration. This change does not apply to CTHE students.

The Council adjourned at 11:35.