

University Council on Teacher Education
Minutes for February 22, 2007
10:00-12:00
200 Academy Street

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

Guest Present: Peggy Dillner, John Hartman, Caroline McDowell, Lynn Worden

The Council unanimously approved the December 21, 2006 minutes.

Old Business

- I. *Parent/Guardian Release Form (Caroline McDowell)*
Candidates are using their electronic and hard copy portfolios as employment portfolios. Therefore, they must seek their students' parents'/guardians' permission to include photographs, videotapes, or copies of student work in their portfolios. Caroline presented a draft of a release form which members revised slightly. The form offers the parents/guardians the option of allowing our candidates to include photographs, videotapes, and/or copies of student work in their portfolio. UCTE will distribute copies of the form to all professional education faculty and also will post it on the web for candidate downloading. Members recommended that the form be made available to candidates in Spanish also. Candidates should be directed to begin using the release form immediately.

UCTE unanimously approved the use of the release form (see attached).

New Business

- I. *ECE Program Changes (Lynn Worden)*
Lynn made a motion to remove UNIV 101 from the Early Childhood Education program requirements because it no longer meets ECE candidates' needs. UCTE unanimously approved this request.

Lynn made a motion to replace IFST 480 with IFST 481 in the Early Childhood Education Honors program. The new course addresses the University's goals for undergraduate education. UCTE unanimously approved this change.

- II. *ETE Program Changes (Laura Glass)*
Laura requested adding ENGL 101 to the ETE General Studies requirement. She also requested the following changes to the Middle School English concentration:
- Replace the ENGL or LING elective with an elective from ENGL diversity courses.

- Replace EDUC 403/ENGL 403 *Literature for Adolescents* and one course in media with the revised course EDUC 403/ENGL 403 *Literature for Adolescents: Multimedia Texts*.
- Revise the requirement of having students take at least 2 courses at the 300 level or higher in literature to the requirement of taking ENGL 204, 205 and 206.

The Middle School English changes are consistent with what is required by the NCTE standards. UCTE unanimously approved these recommended program changes.

III. Course of Study (Peggy Dillner)

The Literacy Update Course of Study is designed for ELA teachers and librarians with a master's degree who seek professional development and a plus 15 credit salary increment.

Questions were raised regarding the four 667 courses listed. Eventually, the 667 courses listed in the Courses of Study will need permanent course number. Gail Rys agreed to work with Peggy on the appropriate paper work that will need to be filed.

Gail also requested that Peggy check with the English Department to ensure that they do not have a graduate level folklore course. Peggy agreed to pursue this request.

UCTE unanimously approved this Course of Study for one year with the current numbers and requires that it be returned to UCTE with permanent numbers for reconsideration at the end of this time frame.

IV. Honor's Day (Barbara VanDornick)

Barbara presented a list of the University-wide Honor's Day awards. She requested that nominations be submitted to the appropriate college Honor's Day Committee representative by March 9. UCTE needs to submit names to the University by March 12. If decisions are not finalized by March 9, names will not appear in the Honor's Day program, though selected candidates will still receive certificates.

V. Title II Reports (Barbara VanDornick)

Barbara distributed the Praxis II pass rate data supplied by ETS. This document will be posted for public review. In general, our candidates perform very well on these tests.

VI. Academic Program Review Process (Nancy Brickhouse)

Nancy raised concerns about the above process. While course revisions are made on-line, the Faculty Senate office still requires a signed paper copy when units make program changes. Gail Rys requested that UCTE request that this process become electronic also. Carol Vukelich agreed to contact the Faculty Senate with this request.

UCTE adjourned at 11:15.