

University Council on Teacher Education

Minutes for May 21, 2003

2:00-4:00 p.m.

217 Willard Hall

Members Present: Tim Barnekov, Nancy Brickhouse, John Burmeister, Jinfa Cai, Alice Eyman, Jennifer Joyce, Janet Smith, Carol Vukelich

Members Excused: Chris Clark, Joan DelFattore, Christine Evans, Larry Griffith, Barry Joyce, Barbara VanDornick

Guest: Penny Deiner

The April 30, 2003 minutes were approved unanimously as distributed.

New Business

I. Student Teaching Course Evaluation Results – Fall 2002

UCTE discussed the student teachers' perceptions of the value of their student teaching experience, as related to the conceptual framework outcomes. The data indicated that several students were concerned about the quality of the University supervisor's supervision. A member indicated that this supervisor has been dismissed.

II. Project Search Budget

Because of the shift from two days at The Bob to a day at The Bob and a day at the Trabant Center, Project Search income was more than its expenses. This year, the “Delaware Day” was held at the Trabant Center. Delaware school districts understood the cost need to use the Trabant Center rather than The Bob for the “Delaware Day.” Delaware districts suggested that next year the “Delaware Day” become a “Delaware Night”—the night before the day-long event. Project Search planners are considering opening this night to University students only.

III. Alumni Survey Results

Carol Vukelich reported that the alumni return rate is slightly higher this year than last year. The reason might be that the Department of Education provided DCTE with a list, with school addresses, of all UD alumni teaching in Delaware. Surveys were mailed to these alumni at their school address. Carol Vukelich indicated that this year, in hopes of increasing the alumni supervisors' response, alumni were asked to identify their school and district. The principal of each identified school will be contacted and interviewed over the telephone.

DCTE organized alumni data around the conceptual framework outcomes. Members compared last year's data to this year's data. For many programs, alumni perceptions of how effective their program was in supporting their use of educational technology are lower relative to the other outcomes.

IV. State Review of Professional Education Programs

The University has received the State Department of Education's review of most of UD's professional education programs. Members puzzled over the different comments made about some programs by the programs' reviewer. Through the summary letter, the Department of Education requested some programs to provide additional information relative to a standard rated a 3; other programs with a similar rating on a standard were not asked to provide any additional information. Some programs were judged as “problematic” with one standard rated a 2 or 3 while others were not. The Department of Education provided no definition of each point on the scale. Hence, it is difficult to know what any rating means. UCTE directed the UCTE chair to contact the Department of Education to attempt to set up a luncheon meeting with program reviewers so that program coordinators who need to provide additional evidence to support a reconsideration of a rating could do so

V. *Teacher Recertification*

Nancy Brickhouse provided the Elementary Teacher Education supervisors' recommendations regarding what cooperating teachers for the junior level courses and for student teaching might elect to do to earn recertification hours (see attached). Junior level cooperating teachers could earn 10 recertification hours, while student teaching cooperating teachers could earn 30 recertification hours. The School of Education would be responsible for maintaining the records of the cooperating teachers' work and for notifying the Delaware Center for Teacher Education of the teachers' names, their school addresses, and the hours each earned. DCTE will issue the "official" University certificate. A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposal; the recommended list of activities were approved unanimously.

UCTE decided that the certificate should read Certificate of Recognition for Service to the Profession.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30.