

Department of Middle, Secondary, Reading, and Deaf Education

Faculty Meeting Minutes – 5 November 2013 – Room 2001, COEHS

ED-TPA

Melody *Via Negativa* spoke a little on the requirements and rubrics for implementing this program: “We will start all this next semester. You better get busy” (M. Fuller).

15 Rubrics: How do these fit in across our curriculum? These will have to be extended throughout our courses, including undergraduate surveys like 2110, et cetera.

We need to design entrance qualifications that will help us identify those weak candidates who don't have the requisite skills to become successful teachers but who are eminently qualified to destroy our department's reputation in the local schools by means of substandard performances in the classroom.

Professional Writing Course – Area F.

Georgia wants/needs more teachers, but the state also expects higher quality from new candidates.

Program Changes

ASL – Christia Williams, Esquire. (See handout)

Reviewed new course proposals, their prospective location in the revised curriculum, and justifications. “There's a lot, but it's cleanup, not a major overhaul” (Christia).

(Proposals were adopted on the first vote.)

MGED – Debbie Paine

Discussion about increasing GPA requirements for content area classes and having students finish their content coursework prior to admission to the program. Ellice Martin raised some concerns about the logistics of these requirements, especially given course schedules/offerings, et cetera. Ideas were batted about for implementation of this policy. Overall GPA can remain at 2.5, but content area course work will increase to 3.0 in this clinical model.

A committee of just a few members will look at these issues in more detail to attempt some solutions that balance CAEP requirements (& increased GPA) with the practical issues that undergrads face.

(No vote was taken on MGED issues; turns out Debbie doesn't have her green card.)

READ – Brenda “Thanks for the barbecue!” Dixie

Six course changes are proposed (see handout) (No discussion)

(Proposals were adopted on the first vote)

Advisory Council for the New Center for Program Assessment, Analytics, & Evaluation

Discussion of potential candidates and lots of maneuvering by department members to avoid being appointed to this committee.

Dr. Ellice Martin volunteered but resented being called an “esteemed senior faculty member.” She was much more amenable to “analytical mind” (Well played, Bob.).

Dr. Lisa Jones-Moore mentioned two other new university committees that are being formed, and she shared that she will be presenting in Honolulu, Hawaii, at an international educational conference in January. Bravo!

Dr. Nanci Sheetz reported that the Middle School Milers are back in 4th place in the Active for life competition!!

Middle School Advisory Committee (see handout)

Dr. Spires mentioned a local “science guy” who is interested in serving.

Broad representation is important, representatives from each school, and local community leaders (Lisa Jones-Moore).

Stakeholders should have a voice and a vote.

Recommended: Small groups (sub-committees) of three or four persons with one representative from each sub committee coming together for a big group meeting.

Debbie Paine (initial certification programs)

Dawn Lambeth (online grad programs)

Nanci Sheetz (Deaf Ed.)

Hospitality Meeting/Committee Controversy

25 dollars will be extorted from all department members for this, that, and the other thing.

No decision yet on a new department secretary: Applications are being scrutinized and neighbors of potential candidates interviewed (references checked).

Meeting Adjourned...

Minutes Faithfully submitted,

JT Cox