

NEWBERRY COLLEGE

Teacher Education Committee Meeting

Date: November 9, 2010
Time: 3:30 pm
Location: HAGGARD Conference Room (LMC 203)

Members

Present: Cindy Johnson-Taylor, Lisa Waller, Lynn Dowd, Carla Cruickshanks, Marilyn Seymour, Whitney Kibler, Katrina Singletary, Jennifer Getsinger

Members Not

Present: Christina McCartha, Alyss Haecker

Guest Present: Virginia Riddle

Next Meeting: November 30, 2010, 3:30-5:00 in LMC 203 Haggard Conference Room

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- I. Call to order:
 - a. The meeting was called to order by the TEC chair, Dr. Cindy Johnson-Taylor, at 3:31pm.
 - b. All TEC members were introduced.
 - II. By-Laws:
 - a. The by-laws were disseminated and reviewed.
 - III. Lynn Dowd, Teaching Fellows Campus Director, provided an update on Teaching Fellows:
 - a. As a reminder the TEC serves as the Teaching Fellows advisory committee
 - b. Also reminded the group that Teaching Fellows falls under the CERA umbrella
 - c. Led a discussion on how budget cuts have impacted the program:
 - i. 125 scholarships were awarded in 2010-2011
 - ii. funding was cut from \$5700 per Fellow to \$5000 per Fellow
 - iii. Junior and Senior experience money was cut from the budget
 - iv. She described the new sophomore experience which will be a workshop held for Fairfield County schools in April
 - d. She announced that we have 24 Teaching Fellows currently on our campus and the new round of Fellow selection is currently taking place.
 - e. The state received approximately 1000 applicants and interviews will be held in January where CERA hopes to award 175 scholarships.

- f. Cindy Johnson-Taylor pointed out that even though the budget has been cut for the junior and senior experience that Newberry College will provide funding for these meaningful experiences for the fellows.
- g. The summer Junior experience will be a conference themed “What is Powerful Learning?”
- h. Sophomores will attend the Upstate Technology Conference in Greenville.
- i. Jennifer Gettsinger spoke about her experiences at the technology conference last summer.
- j. Attending a technology conference goes with the theme of our Teaching Fellows which is *Living in a Digital Age: Responding to Change*.
- k. All of our students who attended the summer conference received Sony Flip Cameras.
- l. The TEC had a discussion of how Flip Cameras can be used for instruction.
- m. We have two new teaching fellows this year.

IV. Curriculum Action:

- a. There was one piece of curriculum action brought before the Teacher Education Committee by Virginia Riddle.
- b. Virginia Riddle presented a proposal to the committee that ECE 251 Math Concepts for Young Children be deleted from the program of study for an Early Childhood Education major and in place be added Dealing with Parents and Families.
- c. This proposal had already passed through the Department of Education and the Continuous Improvement in Teacher Education Team and was brought to the Teacher Education Committee Team for a decision.
- d. Virginia Riddle told the group that students already take two math content courses MAT 221 and MAT 222 along with Early Childhood Math and Science Methods ECE 439 and an Integrated Curriculum Course ECE 437 that includes math.
- e. Based on findings from the NAEYC SPA report which was submitted in September it was determined that we have a gap in our program related to knowledge of the NAEYC Standards and working with parents and families
- f. Katrina Singletary remarked that people coming into the workplace need to know how to work effectively with families as families are changing and becoming more diverse.
- g. Carla Cruickshanks asked how we ensure that these students are getting the math concepts needed to be effective math teachers. Virginia Riddle answered that Marcia Ringer is currently addressing all of the concepts in MAT 221 and MAT 222.
- h. Cindy Johnson-Taylor reminded the group of the base class model. She said that in the Department of Education each class has a base class leader and a base class so that when others teach the course the objectives, assignments, and content remain the same.

- i. Whitney Kibler suggested that we add a similar course to elementary and middle level. The group then discussed whether working with families is needed in other majors. It was discussed that perhaps a workshop on working with families could be added to the senior seminar EDU 483.
 - j. After much discussion, the motion was made to delete ECE 251 Math Concepts and to add ECE 251 Parents, Communities, and Families. The motion was made by Katrina Singletary, and seconded by Marilyn Seymour and approved by all in attendance.
- V. Admission to Teacher Education:
- a. 10 candidates were presented for admission to Teacher Education Program.
 - b. The committee was reminded that all students have been through an admission to teacher education review, meet all the requirements, and have no less than a 2.5 grade point average.
 - c. Lisa Waller made the motion to accept the candidates presented for admission to the Teacher Education Program, Carla Cruickshanks seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by all in attendance.
- VI. Admission to Internship:
- a. 29 candidates were presented for admission to the Internship semester to be held January through April 2011.
 - b. Cindy Johnson-Taylor told the group that all candidates meet the requirements for admission to the Internship, have completed an application, and have passed the state sled background check.
 - c. The motion was made by Katrina Singletary to accept the 29 students into the Internship, it was seconded by Whitney Kibler, and the motion was approved.
- VII. Report on Unit Assessments:
- a. Cindy Johnson-Taylor reported to the group that three SPA reports were submitted on September 15, 2010 in the areas of Physical Education, Elementary Education, and Early Childhood Education.
 - b. Results of these reports will be sent to the college no later than February 1, 2011
- VIII. Remarks from Chair of Committee, Cindy Johnson-Taylor:
- a. Dr. Johnson-Taylor provided an update on all of the grant programs that the Teacher Education Program is currently involved in.
 - b. She also reminded everyone about the Call Me MISTER Induction Ceremony to be held at 4:00pm on Sunday, November 21, 2010.
 - c. She also gave a brief update on the progress toward the NCATE Institution Report.
- IX. New Business:

- a. Cindy Johnson-Taylor asked the committee to consider whether or not the Chair of the Department of Education should also be the Chair of the Teacher Education Committee.
- b. Several ideas emerged from this discussion:
 - i. Committee members are free to speak their mind with the Department Chair as the Chair of the Committee.
 - ii. The Department Chair knows the most about what is going on in the Teacher Education Program.
 - iii. What would NCATE say? Would NCATE think it is appropriate for the Chair of the Department of Education to also be the Chair of the Teacher Education Committee?
 - iv. Having someone else chair as an extra step in the process because the Chair of the Department of Education would then have to meet with the Chair of the Teacher Education Committee to plan all meetings.
 - v. Whitney Kibler suggested that if someone other than the Department Chair becomes the Chair of the Committee, it should be a faculty member in the Teacher Education Program.
 - vi. It was decided that the group would think about it until the next meeting and that Cindy Johnson-Taylor will survey her colleague Deans to find out about what is happening at other Institutions

X. Motion to Adjourn:

- a. A motion was made by Lisa Waller to adjourn the meeting at 4:40pm, seconded by Jen Morrison.
- b. The Teacher Education Committee of Newberry College agreed to meet on November 30, 2010 from 3:30 to 5:00 in the LMC 203 Haggard Conference Room.
- c. Cindy Johnson-Taylor will also look at dates for next semester and will present those at the November 30th meeting.