EPD Council Summary  
Tuesday, January 29, 2008  
8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
ECH, Room 237

Present: Debbie Rodgers, Frank Mc Quarrie, Denise Beesley, Mark Letcher, Donna Abraham, Teresa Bell, Neil Houser, John Covaleskie, Ed Marek, Ray Miller, John Chiodo, Joyce Brandes, Stacy Reeder, Kate Branscomb, Mona Ryan, Gregg Garn and Jamie Aldridge.

Approval of the Minutes  
Upon motion made by Ed Marek and seconded by Joyce Brandes, and with changes recommended, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

I. Information/Discussion/Actions

Mathematics Education Certification Program Modification

Stacy Reeder presented members with a request for a modification in the Mathematics Education certification program. The request was to combine EDMA 4001, mentoring course and EDMA 4242, methods course into EDMA 4243. A ballot vote was taken with the results being 13 votes in favor of the modification and 0 votes apposed or abstained.

Alternative Certification

Gregg Garn presented member with an update on the Alternative Certification legislative bills that has been filed in the house sponsored by Lee Denney (R) and in the senate sponsored by Earl Garrison (D). Members were provided with a list of specific changes being recommended by the coalition being presented in the state house and senate. Gregg Garn informed to members that the bill can still be amended and encouraged members to share any ideas thought to be important and beneficial.

Intern Orientation & Closure Meetings

Gregg Garn disclosed dates for orientation and closure meetings through Fall 2008. Those dates are as follows:

- Spring 2008 Closure Meeting – May 5, 2008
- Fall 2008 Orientation Meeting – August 25, 2008
- Fall 2008 Closure Meeting – December 8, 2008

Gregg Garn also shared feedback from faculty and students concerning the new meeting space for the Spring 2008 held at the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History. The positive feedback concerning the new space was parking availability, break out rooms for elementary and science program areas and an overwhelming positive feedback on the speaker. The negative feedback was concerning noise issues for program areas left meeting in the auditorium. It was decided to see about setting up additional break out areas in the lobby and snack shop area to alleviate the number of bodies in the auditorium.
Gregg Garn then asked faculty for feedback on necessity of the closure meeting for each program area. The inquiry was brought forth from the cancellation of the fall closure meeting being cancelled due to bad weather. He asked Jamie Aldridge to share her experience with the alternative plan to work with students on their school license application. Jamie reported that initially setting up times for students to meet with her to complete applications and ask questions seemed to run pretty smoothly. Although, later on she felt that with students just stopping by at their convenience was not successful in providing important information to the students. She expressed her concern that in the best interest of the students a specific meeting time(s) should be set for students to be present to receive license processing information and to have any of their questions answered.

Members agreed students will be required to attend the closure meeting for certification purposes with the option of each program area to determine whether the meeting would be needed for their individual program information.

II. Reports/Actions

• **Professional Sequence Committee** – Debbie Rodgers the first meeting for the spring semester will be February 20.

• **Student Services** – Debbie Rodgers provided the members total number of people that have been cleared for graduation by program area and the number that were not cleared and the reason.

  She announced that “Making Major Decisions” was scheduled for February 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Also, she made known that on the same day they will be recruiting students for the “Pueblo Project”.

• **Certification** – Jamie Aldridge announced that all EIPT 3483 field experience requests have been sent out to schools and she was waiting on replies. She reported she will begin working on preparing applications for fall internships. Jamie also informed members the “Resident Teacher” report and the “Title II” report are completed.

At the close of the meeting Gregg Garn asked EPD members on the procedures for appointing the Practitioner and Student Representative to the EPD Council. In the current academic year the appointed practitioner has not been in attendance and a student representative has not been appointed. Gregg volunteered to visit with the appointed practitioner on attendance issues. In the meantime he asked member to brainstorm for possible replacement in case the appointed is unable or unwilling to serve on the committee.

Debbie Rodgers shared that traditionally the student representative has been an undergraduate student and felt that the student was from the Dean’s Student Advisory Committee. She also informed Gregg Garn that since they were meeting with the committee later today they could inquire about placement of a student from the committee in that representative role.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Debbie Rodgers and seconded by Donna Abraham.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.