Present: Debbie Rodgers, Frank McQuarrie, David Lovett, Mark Letcher, Donna Abraham, Teresa Bell, Neil Houser, John Covaleskie, Jon Pedersen, Ray Miller, Terri DeBacker, Joyce Brandes, Jeff Maiden, Stacy Reeder, Kate Branscomb, Mona Ryan, Lotsee Patterson and Jamie Aldridge.

Approval of the Minutes
Upon motion made by Jon Pederson and seconded by Stacy Reeder, and with changes recommended by Terri DeBacker, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

I. Information/Discussion/Actions

Gregg Garn announced to members that the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History has been reserved for the internship closure meeting on December 10. The closure meeting will begin at 1:30 pm and end at 4:30 pm. The spring orientation meeting is also scheduled at Sam Noble for January 14 from 9-11 am.

Gregg Garn provided members with a handout detailing information on the DaVinci Scholarship available to pre-service teachers. He encouraged faculty to review the scholarship information and if they identify students that they feel would be good candidates and encourage them to apply.

STEM M.Ed.
Members were asked to vote on the proposed STEM M.Ed. program that was presented at the last meeting. The vote was being requested as the ballot intended to be sent out for a November 14 vote was not presented to members. After a discussion of concerns on differences between graduate certification and regular certification, as well as teaching and course assignments, a motion was made by Debbie Rodgers and seconded by Terri DeBacker. The motion was to vote to move forward on the proposed STEM M.Ed. on December 7, 2007 on survey monkey with the following steps to be addressed prior to vote:

1. Program area faculty will e-mail specific concerns regarding the proposal to Gregg Garn. Dr. Garn will then submit them to Mark Nanny.
2. Mark Nanny will circulate the most recent description of the proposal.
3. Gregg Garn will arrange a face-to-face meeting with Mark Nanny to answer faculty questions and concerns.

Alternative Certification
Gregg Garn gave members an update on an Alternative Certification legislative solution noting that an alternative certification bill has been filed with the legislature. Some of the big issues that the coalition will be addressing are:

• Closing the testing loopholes that allow passing a content test in one area recommended from professional background and then sitting for additional areas.
• Providing additional supports for alternatively certified teachers.
• Setting a minimum age limit for alternative certification candidates.
II. Reports/Actions

- **Professional Sequence Committee** – Debbie Rodgers reported the committee was continuing discussions on the relationship between courses and field experiences.

- **Student Services** – Debbie Rodgers reported that advanced registration has been completed and that everything ran smoothly.

- **Certification** – Jamie Aldridge reported that a discussion with Karen Hutchens at the Oklahoma State Department of Education revealed that there are a couple of RT’s needing committees that have not contacted us and pending notification from the schools should be the end of the committee placements for the fall. She also noted that spring internship placements were in progress and going well.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.