EPD Council Summary  
Tuesday, January 25, 2010  
8:30 a.m  
SC Bldg. 4, Room 119

**Present:** Sherry Cox, Joyce Brandes, Sacra Nicholas, Stacy Reeder, Cheryl Walker-Esbaugh, Teresa Bell, Jim Gardner, Jim Martin, Maggie Ryan, Denise Beesley, Mark Letcher, John Covaleskie, Mona Ryan, Charles Ciorba, Lauren Mathis, Kendra Williams-Diehm, Neil Houser, Jiening Ruan, Donna Abraham, and Jamie Aldridge.

**Approval of the Minutes**
Upon a motion made by Neil Houser and seconded by Joyce Brandes the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

I. **Committee Updates**

- **Professional Sequence** – Joyce Brandes reported that there have not been any meetings in several months.

- **Student Advising** – Sherry Cox reported the Advisors just went through their first online full admission process. She asked for feedback from faculty that went through the process with them to find out suggestions of things that might have worked well for them or problems they might have encountered. She requested from members to contact her with any changes they would like to be made on the online system as soon as possible. She will be meeting with Scott Watkins to make changes in time for the March 1st full admission process.

Sherry Cox also shared with members that the College of Education is getting a lot of requests from international students to enroll in education classes and in the past those students would come through the Undergraduate Advising Office and talk to Linda Daly. Because of the loss of professional advisors in the Study Abroad program a number of these students will just read the course description and decide they want to take a class. When some of those students were told in the Student Advising Office that they cannot take the course for a specific reason they go to faculty members without telling them complete story and then getting into those classes. Sherry Cox brought to light due to economic times that there are some classes that have seats available. She asked faculty if they would be willing to share with her a list of any education courses that they would be willing to have qualified international education students enrolled in their class if space allowed. Once Sherry has a complete list of the classes she will share the classes that are available for these students with the International Student Services office.

- **Certification/residency/field experiences** – Jamie Aldridge reported that she is working on the EIPT 3483 field experience placements and is waiting to get student requests from two of the sections. She also reported that she is collecting the MoU student forms and that if faculty need copies for students in their classes they can pick up the forms in her office.

II. **Information/Discussion/Actions**

- **Vote to Approve Memorandum of Understanding** – Neil Houser reported that the last EPD Executive Committee meeting brought up that the Memorandum of Understanding had been looked over and discussed, but had never been voted on. John Covaleskie made a motion to move for adoption and it was seconded by Donna Abraham. Neil Houser first asked members if they had any questions regarding the MoU. Mona Ryan told members that the Speech Pathology students are required to go through their Legal Department and sign papers before they can go out in any agency or school. She asked if it would be required to sign the MoU as well. Neil Houser suggested for her to talk to Mike Langenbach once he returns. There were no other questions or concerns so Neil called for a vote by hand. The adoption passed unanimously.

- **Special Education M.E.d** – Neil Houser announced that Special Education faculty was in attendance to inform and present members with a proposed Master’s degree in Special Education that would lead to School Licensure. Jim Martin began by explaining that an approval was not being sought at this meeting, but that the Special Education faculty wanted to share their perspective of the proposal with a vote hopefully coming at the next meeting. Jim shared with members that the degree was intended for students with a Bachelor degree with at least a 3.0 GPA and experience with individuals with disabilities. He explained that they have had a number of students that have a Bachelor degree in some other area that have
decided that they want to teach Special Education, but are not able to achieve their goal because of the new law that went into effect November 2009 that no longer allows students to receive certification for Elementary, Early Childhood and Special Education through Alternative Certification. Jim Martin explained that the proposed degree will require 39 hours, but for students that did not have the “Introduction to Special Education” course at the bachelor’s level they would also have to take that class, which would make the degree 42 hours. After discussion of proposed degree and suggestions of changes, Jim Martin agreed to make the changes to the handout and e-mail to Jamie Aldridge to send out to all faculty with the meeting minutes. It was noted that this will allow all faculty to review the proposal and attend the next meeting with questions and concerns.

- **EPD Priorities for 2009-2010** - None were mentioned.

- **Other Business** - Donna Abraham announced to members that the EPD Advisory Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, February 24th. She also asked members if they have any issues that come up concerning the public schools and common needs to e-mail that information to either her or Jamie Aldridge.

Mona Ryan shared that Senate Bill 971 provides release time for professional development for related services providers. She informed members that she was notified by their House Representative that the bill did not make the agenda so it is now dead, but their Senator has filed another bill that is identical.

Mona Ryan also shared with members that the OU Health Sciences Center is the process of developing a new program in conjunction with Oklahoma City Community College for an Oklahoma Speech Language Pathology Assistant program. They already have their license rules changed to accommodate the new program. She noted it will be an Associate’s Degree program. She noted it will be an online program with the clinical piece placing the students around the state. The program will hopefully begin Fall 2010. Mona shared they are anxiously awaiting to hear if they will receive stimulus money from a grant that has been applied for.

**Adjournment:**
The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.