EPD Council Summary
Tuesday, April 26, 2011
8:30 a.m
ECH 237

Present: Tim Laubach, Sacra Nicholas, John Covaleskie, Stacy Reeder, Neil Houser, Mona Ryan, William Frick, Jiening Ruan, Loraine Dunn, Christine Engelbrecht, Donna Abraham, Cheryl Walker-Esbaugh, and Jamie Aldridge.

Approval of the Minutes
Upon a motion made by Loraine Dunn and seconded by Donna Abraham the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

I. Information/Discussion/Actions

• Vote on Early Childhood Proposed Program Changes – Loraine Dunn presented members with an amended handout of the proposal to change the Early Childhood to a 4-year program. After reviewing the amendments Sacra Nicholas made a motion to approve the Early Childhood proposal with a second coming from Stacy Reeder. Members voted unanimously to approve the proposal.

• Vote on Reading Specialist Proposed Program Changes – Members were asked to vote on the Reading Specialist proposed program changes that were submitted at the March meeting. Loraine Dunn made a motion to approve the proposed changes with a second coming from Donna Abraham. Members voted unanimously in favor.

• Proposal for OU/Norman Conditional Admission – In absence of Sherry Cox, Jamie Aldridge presented members with an amended copy of the conditional admission that was presented at the March meeting. Bill Frick questioned if the proposal would include the standard certification for principals and superintendent. It was believed by members that it would only pertain to teacher certification programs, but because of doubts it was decided to add an asterisk to the document clarifying that the conditional admission proposal “Only applies to teacher certification programs”. Bill Frick will take the proposal to the Administrative Certification program committee for review and if the proposal is found to be applicable to the Administration certification an amendment could be made to the proposal at a later date. Sacra Nicholas made a motion to approve the conditional admission proposal with the suggested changes to exclude EACS and it was seconded by Bill Frick. Members voted unanimously in favor.

• Social Studies Education Proposed Program Changes – Neil Houser submitted proposed changes that return the Social Studies education program back to four years. Members were provided with a current degree sheet with the proposed changes noted. Dr. Houser explained Social Studies is making these changes to remain aligned to other program areas that have made similar requests to move to 4-year programs. He shared that the proposal was presented to ILAC and is supported by ILAC. Neil reported that the only real discussion in the ILAC presentation was the omission of one of the geography courses listed under the “Specialized Education” courses. He reported there was also discussion in the Social Studies Certification Committee meeting about eliminating that course but it was decided to keep the course as an advisor approved elective. Neil informed members that multicultural issues will be integrated in the two Social Studies methods courses as well as other courses including EDS 4003. Members will vote on the Social Studies Education proposed program changes at our August 2011 meeting.

• Portfolio/NCATE Information - Members were provided with informational handouts from Mike Langenbach to help answer questions with portfolio and NCATE issues. The program reviewer comment document was created in response to similar issues which surfaced in reports across all areas and includes comments which reviewers may use as a guide or tool when programs are being reviewed. Mike felt this document might be of assistance for program compilers. Jamie Aldridge informed members portfolios will be reviewed, but not until our site visit in March 2012. The “Oklahoma State Requirements” handout includes a description of the State requirement for Candidate Portfolios, as well as the OCTP Rule related to the Program Accreditation. The third handout was a copy of the Accreditation Rule that referred to the Candidate Portfolios.
• **2010-2011 Resolutions** – Members were provided with an informational handout of all resolutions made at EPD Council meetings for the 2010-2011 academic year.

II. **Committee Updates**

• **Professional Sequence** – No report.

• **Student Advising** – In the absence of Sherry Cox, Jamie Aldridge shared handouts with members. The first handout addressed enrollment issues in the undergraduate and graduate professional sequence courses. Jamie reported for Sherry that education graduate students who are adding Teaching Certification should be taking the graduate level equivalent version of the professional development sequence courses. Generally, there are waiting lists for the undergraduate courses. Jamie shared that undergraduate students need to have access to these undergraduate courses before the graduate students because they have to follow the sequence while the graduate students do not. John Covaleskie noted a correction that needed to be made for the EDS 5003, communicating that it is only offered in even spring semesters.

  The second handout was a copy of a request from Dr. Lisa Portwood inviting faculty who want to make a difference in a student’s life outside the classroom to be a mentor and provide new freshman entering the university with insights about university life from their unique perspective.

  The final announcement was to remind all instructors and adjunct faculty to refer student who request enrollment permission to the Undergraduate Advising Office to get their names on the waiting list for courses.

• **Certification/residency/field experiences** – Jamie Aldridge informed members that she is working on the Title II Report.

• **EPD Priorities for 2010-2011** – No discussion.

• **Other Business** – John Covaleskie informed members that a summer field experience will be offered for the Early Childhood students on the Tulsa campus.

  Mona Ryan reminded members at the previous EPD meeting that the curriculum for the Speech Language Pathology Assistant program would be presented to the Regents for approval. She reported the program was presented and approved by the Regents at the April 4th meeting. The program will start on August 22nd at Oklahoma City Community College.

  Mona also announced that Monday, May 2nd will be the beginning of “Better Hearing & Speech” month and will include a special celebration at the state capital in conjunction with “National Mental Health” month. Brownies and ice cream will be served on the 2nd floor rotunda from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. with hearing screening going on in the Governor’s conference room.

• **Adjournment** – Stacy Reeder made a motion to adjourn with a second from Donna Abraham. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.