

MDSK Department Meeting Minutes- 2/17/12

Tour of the building- thanks to Chance Lewis, Amanda Arganbright, Jerry Coughter for arranging this

Motion to approve minutes previously sent out- Charles. Second- Rosslyn. Motion carried with no opposition.

QEP implementation: Pilot program being run next year and the whole curriculum for EDUC 2100 will be revised. Heather Coffey (at the request of the Dean) will be teaching 2 of the 3 EDUC classes and 3 lab classes of the same course.

Chance: Urban Education Collaborative. <https://thecollaborative.uncc.edu> (will go live next week)
Faculty is encouraged to join with the Collaborative. The primary goal is to produce works for the community (journal articles, research briefs, etc.) There is shared workspace for students and faculty to work with each other to further the research projects. As for outreach, schools are partnering with the Collaborative to get grad and undergrad students involved in schools. Starting in May, Guest Lecture Series once per month. There will be an event each month that features Urban Education. There will also be an event during the DNC with the Collaborative partnering with the Congressional Black Congress tentatively titled "America Can Do Better" It will be held on Wednesday during DNC week. Goal: million dollar operation to hire grad students and faculty full time. See Chance for questions regarding the Collaborative.

Leigh Ausband from REEL- International travel experience in the Fall (Germany) and over Spring Break (Germany- offered in conjunction with 1 hour EDUC course). Greg and Liv will work together on this in our Department.

RPT: Jeanneine is on the committee- any questions/concerns to share? Greg: one issue: surrounds the issue of sensitivity to people's changes in their familial status re: gender/starting a family. Can I afford to take a year off before I have tenure? This is a gender difference between females and males (who generally do not have to take time off) Change language to say that if productivity goes down during family leave, there is an element of understanding about that. Jeanneine will discuss this with Mary Lynne on Tuesday. Charles: in many places you can freeze your RPT process. Family leave is very technical- vacation time and all other time has to be used first. University policy for leave as it impacts the tenure clock should definitely be included in the RPT manual. Spencer: change in grammar (communities, "the" community)

Laura Hart: a number of students have not completed one or more parts of the Electronic Evidences and are now in student teaching. We are allowing them to play catch up, but they cannot get licensed if these EEs are not met. Policies voted on during program coordinators meeting: *If a particular student is missing one or more EEs, it falls on the course instructor (the student will contact the instructor) that they had for that course to work out specifics of turning in that evidence. That instructor has the responsibility of assessing it on Taskstream.* Taskstream gatekeeper for the present time is Diana Dagenhart. She will take on the students who do not have an instructor to contact OR extenuating circumstances. *If a student does not complete an EE, they do not get a grade in the class. They then have*

one semester to work out details of loading up EE with the professor. An incomplete contract has to be written up. If they never upload it, then the grade becomes a "U" or "F" and the student has to re-take the class. This grading policy would have to be included in the syllabus. It would fall on instructors of 3151 and 6162 to teach Taskstream and about EEs. Paul: create video link to embed in Moodle and require students to view it (that way it doesn't take up class time)

Travel- if an authorization is not on file now, funds are not available.

Welcome reception March 8th for Chance Lewis held at Center City Building. 5:30-7:30pm.

COED meeting is Friday, Feb 24 from 9-11am.

Unveiling of Busing panels from Levine Museum will be Friday, Feb 24 right after the College meeting (11am) Rosslyn- the job fair and student teaching expo is that day as well.

Security breach: not much more is known than what was disseminated via email. The h drive was compromised.

Searches: hopefully two searches will be done next year. Theresa Perez will be retiring at the end of this year, and Adam Harbaugh is leaving at the end of this year. Liv Davila will also be leaving at the end of this year but we will not be able to get her position back. Spencer, Scott, and Lan will be working on Theresa Perez's position justification, and Teresa Petty will be working on Adam Harbaugh's position justification. Search committees will be formed next year. Both positions will be assistant professors (most likely).

The Dean pointed out at the Leadership Council meeting that we have partnered with NC Teacher Corps, there's the possibility for a lot of students to be coming into our programs. Project Inspire- Cohort of about 40 math teachers to come in the GTC program (online classes)

Internship applications are due the last week of the month to OFE- students must see Tarra first.

Course outlines were due Feb. 1st.

Fall 2012 schedule is in the works. We are down several faculty members. We don't know TFA numbers yet, but there's the potential to have 150. If you have to take on an overload, you will be compensated. If anyone wants to bring a course to the Center City, tell Michelle **ASAP**. Please take a look at the schedule when it's sent out and confirm that all of your information is correct. Times have been changed on certain classes. This was to get everyone into COED building in one of our classrooms. Most classes have been scheduled in our rooms thanks to Michelle. *If you want to teach in the Center City building, just let parking know that you're scheduled to be there and they'll work out a pass for you.* Students will get permission from parking for the date of their class.

Spencer- tuition increase went through, so everyone make sure to order books well in advance and keep cost for students in mind. Also faculty aren't turning in grades on time so please work on that.

Greg- Theresa Perez's position is very important in our program, so can we push for a senior level (associate professor) to fill that position. It may need to go in the justification (the money is already allotted.)

Paul- students in GTC program are completing coursework and going into student teaching, and they are unable to find jobs or finish student teaching because they have a criminal charge in their background several years past. Is there some way to let students know ahead of time that criminal background checks will occur and if you have had a DUI or anything it could severely impact your prospects? All students upon entrance into the program undergo a criminal background check. If they have a blemish on their record, students are required to sign a form from OFE saying that they are aware that placing them may be a problem and is not guaranteed.