SPED Program Meeting February 1, 2011

In attendance: Baxter, Beattie, Browder, Campbell-Whatley, Cooke, Correa, Jordan, Matthews, O'Brien, Rebich, Smith, Spooner, Test, Wakeman, White, Wood, C., Wood, W.

Meeting called to order at 12:34 p.m.

- Minutes for Approval (November 16, 2010 and November 30, 2010): Dr. Cooke asked that the section on EE2 paper submissions be changed to say "EE2 Faculty will have to grade" instead of "Dr. Cooke will have to grade". Both sets of minutes were approved, with the one change noted above.
- AIG News: Dr. Baxter stated that AIG news will be included in every agenda, but at this time Dr. Romanoff had nothing new to report. Dr. Matthews agreed, however noted that the task stream rubric didn't match and they will work to fix it.
- Interviews: Dr. Test shared that the last candidate was on campus today and that the committee meeting to make a decision would take place on Monday morning. He noted that all three candidates were acceptable, and asked for faculty feedback to help in deciding a rank order.
- New SPED Courses for CHFS M.Ed.: Dr. Smith provided a handout with descriptions of the proposed new SPED courses. She answered questions and explained that these courses were not required, but would be one of many optional tracks for a M.Ed. student. After asking for feedback, Dr. Browder suggested that the 6242 course title be reworded, as it was too similar to the title of a Ph.D. course. With this noted change, Dr. Smith makes a formal motion to approve the courses. Dr. O'Brien seconds, and all approve.
- EE6 Draft Rubric and Procedures: This rubric will be discussed in the Feb 15 meeting.
- ◆ MAT/M.Ed. Evidence Rubric(s): Dr. C. Wood began by telling us they needed to come up with a combined rubric for 6691 and 6694. Dr. Cooke stated that the demands of five standards within one evidence has been a challenge. There was a lot of question from faculty about what the new MAT & M.Ed. project would look like. Dr. Wakeman explained that the MAT project would have 3 components (M.Ed. will be similar): introduction, research brief, discussion/reflection, and both will get their start in RSCH 7113. Dr. White noted that the M.Ed. may be eventually phased out if enrollment doesn't improve.
- Fall Schedule: Dr. Baxter referred the group to the document she sent on faculty loads and commended Dr. Beattie for doing an overload for several years. She then stated there are a lot of holes in the schedule for undergrad courses, the main issue being that she needs the codes before turning in the schedule to Joyce. She is hopeful that the new addition to our faculty will be able to take over 3175 and 4270. Dr. Wakeman brought to attention that students ran into issues with MAT Distance Ed courses not being offered, causing them to sit out this semester. Dr. Baxter noted that a lot of moving around had taken place in order to make sure the dual courses weren't at the same time. She also said part of the holes in the schedule are because of the times offered, and asked that faculty interested in changing what/when they teach should look at the listing and let her know.