

SPED Program Meeting

October 27, 2009

In attendance: Anderson, Baxter, Cooke, Lo, Matthews, O'Brien (arrived at 12:36), Sherry, Spooner, Test, Wakeman, White (arrived at 12:44) C. Wood, and W. Wood

- Minutes for Approval (October 6) (*Dr. Baxter*): Minutes were unanimously approved.
- Available funding (*Dr. Test*): Dr. Test announced that there was \$2500.00 still available for methods materials and to send ordering information to him immediately.
- Experience with Evidence 2: F09 (*Dr. Baxter*): We need to discuss what kinds of writing experiences we will include. The official pilot is actually in the spring. Dr. Baxter continued by discussing her experiences with this. If the faculty have time next week, we can take a quick look at what these products are looking like without a designated reading list. Students seem to have the most problem with the introduction and the summary; the body of the product is usually fine. Because this is now a more high stakes issue, we have to provide more writing instruction to the students and it has been decided to eliminate the clinical experience in order to do this. Dr. Test stated that he feels it's a little worrisome to take away the clinical. Dr. Wakeman asked whether or not we would keep the clinical at the masters level. Dr. Baxter responded that we will see how it goes.
- Program Re-visioning: Revisioning work to be completed by _____ (*Dr. Baxter*):
 - Long forms for Program Approval must be submitted to the COE program review committee by November 1; form is hard copy and course outlines and attachments are electronic.
 - Number of required clinicals – attached to agenda. The list of required clinicals was reviewed by the faculty. Dr. Baxter is wondering if we can set up clinical experiences each semester; and the required assignments would be in that placement. Dr. Anderson is wondering if we do that, can we still meet the NCATE requirements of diverse settings? Dr. White believes that there is a need to have more high-quality, well-planned controlled clinical experiences for our students. Dr. Baxter: Can we designate certain clinicals be at diverse schools so that we can be sure to meet the NCATE requirements? Dr. White likes Dr. Baxter's idea that we need to coordinate our clinicals better.
 - Transition plan: The faculty reviewed the draft transition plan (undergraduate section). They then discussed the sequence of courses. Dr. Baxter asked the faculty to look at the prereqs to see if they look right. She also asked about whether the revisioning committee had a chance to look at the catalog copy yet. Any old program information still in the catalog needs to have a disclaimer that the information is going to be changed. Dr. Baxter would like to hand this over to the two committees. Our program meeting next week will concentrate on the graduate level.
 - For evidences, we will need to create and pilot rubrics Spring 2010 – more info later.
- Summer Schedule – summer 2010 schedule must be submitted by November 6 (*Dr. Baxter*)

Dr. Baxter reminded the faculty that our next program meeting will be next week (November 3rd). Dr. White wanted to know if we could not have a program meeting, but, rather, have the revisioning teams look at course sequences and clinicals. Dr. Baxter agreed, so the November 3rd program meeting is cancelled and, instead, the revisioning teams will meet.

Meeting adjourned: 1:46