

SPED Program Meeting

January 26, 2010

In attendance: Anderson (arrived at 12:38; left at 1:45), Baxter, Cooke, Jordan (left at 1:36), Lo, Matthews, Romanoff, Sherry, Wakeman, White, C. Wood, and W. Wood

Meeting called to order at 12:36.

Before starting with the agenda, Dr. Baxter told the group that some of our faculty would not be able to join us today (Dr. Spooner is with his wife and her family, Dr. Campbell-Whatley has pneumonia, and Dr. Test is out of town). Dr. Wood (Charlie) wanted to mention that the Student Council for Exceptional Children is selling baked goods to raise money for Haiti... the sale is on the first floor. Dr. Anderson told the faculty that she will be doing a presentation with a group of Australian students this week (Friday at 12:30)... for those faculty who are teaching undergrads this week, please encourage them to come to the presentation.

- ◆ Minutes for Approval (November 24) (*Dr. Baxter*): Dr. Baxter had emailed the faculty the minutes from our last meeting yesterday. She asked them today whether they had any corrections or changes that should be made. No corrections or changes for noted, so the minutes were accepted as is.
- ◆ Fall Schedule 2010 (*Dr. Baxter*): She has resent the schedule to the people who suggested corrections or changes so that they could be sure that it was now correct. She wants to get the final schedule to Joyce by Friday, so if there are any other changes, the faculty should let her know right away.
- ◆ Revisioning Committee: Initial Licensure (*Dr. Baxter*):
 - Evidence 2: Nancy and Shawnee – procedures are being developed.
 - Evidence 3: Kelly and Chris – procedures are being developed.
 - Evidence 6: Richard and Kelly – procedures are being developed.
 - Review of course outlines and standards matrix for match of standards; make corrections as needed. Alicia Brophy will be contacting the faculty and bringing by a copy of the matrix to check for corrections. So the faculty should expect a visit from her. We will eventually be housing the course outlines in one central location in the college. Dr. Baxter wants to be sure that these are all correct.
- ◆ Program Re-visioning: Revisioning work (Initial Licensure) to be completed Spring 2010 (*Dr. Baxter*):
 - Share course descriptions with community partners and incorporate feedback from community partners in course syllabi. Dr. Wakeman noted that all surveys will be out on Thursday. Any feedback that the faculty receive should be sent to her.
 - Revise Curriculum Planning Sheets: Dr. Beattie is not here today, so we will have to check on this.
 - Training on electronic portfolio for faculty
 - Inter-rater reliability for Evidence 2, 3, and 6: Re: people who may be evaluating an evidence... how do we be sure that they are being scored by a set standard?
 - Develop syllabi and candidate assessments within coursework: We should all be thinking about this now.

Dr. Baxter asked the faculty if there were any questions about revisioning before we move on. Dr. White had a comment with regard to the evidences (evidence 6): He feels that they will need some samples from this semester. Without students' samples, they will really be unable to do this. They won't need samples from every student... but, perhaps if a faculty member has a real "star..." (extra points perhaps?). Dr. Baxter will be meeting with Vicki Jaus on Wednesday to discuss Evidence 6 challenges. The question was asked of the faculty who may have already provided students with specific directions on writing reflections... Dr. Anderson has... Dr. Cooke has some guidelines that are very specific to her course. Dr. Baxter does as well. What do we want students to "reflect" on? Ethics? Professional practice? (for Evidence 6) Dr. Wood (Wendy) offered her opinion that she would want the students to talk about how they meet the needs of culturally diverse students, for example (rather than overly broad questions). Dr. Wakeman stated that, in the internship, she will make sure that some of the general reflections that the students make on the course will match those other suggested reflections.

- ◆ Program Re-visioning: M.Ed. and M.A.T. (*Dr. Baxter*):
 - SPED Core Committee: Shawnee, Charlie, Ya-yu and ~~Richard~~ Michael (*see item below). (It was noted that Richard's name is on this list in error, so it should be deleted.

- SPED Specialization Committee: Richard, LuAnn, John and Chris.
- SPED Scholarship Committee: Charlie, Nancy, and Fred
- Curriculum Analysis and Alignment Matrix (this is our in-house matrix)
- Dates:
 - February 15: draft blueprint for M.A.T.
 - March 1: draft blueprint for M.Ed.

Dr. White thinks that we need to do the M.Ed. before we can to the M.A.T. Some discussion ensued. Dr. Cooke: M.Ed. first... and the core has two parts. Dr. Baxter asked the faculty for the upcoming revisioning committee meeting (on January 28th) to bring something in writing to share with everyone (even if just in draft). Dr. Matthews wanted to get some clarification where exactly the add-on fits in (the M.Ed.). Dr. Baxter noted that all M.Ed.'s have to be advanced licensure so it will have to meet the advanced licensure criteria. She also noted that Dr. Matthews should be a part of the core discussion, so he will be added to the committee*. Dr. Baxter thinks we should take responsibility for our own evidences.

Dr. Cooke noted that in our special education program, we have a course on special education law. She and Dawson Hancock (because of a long history of working with him on this) had set it up in the system for only every other year. That way there were a sufficient number of students in the class. Dr. Hancock wants to know whether we will have sufficient students for this course at this point, so Dr. Cooke would like input... Is this a course that will likely continue? Dr. Anderson stated that she believes that we have to offer it. Dr. Cooke is hearing that the numbers are down. We don't want to fund an adjunct to teach it if there will not be enough students. Dr. Anderson thinks that we need to all agree that we will make sure that our advisees have taken this. Dr. Cooke said that the reason that this is pressing right now is that Dr. Hancock is trying to figure out if we even need to offer this course. Dr. Anderson believes that we should have at least 10 students for that course. Dr. Cooke said that she will tell Dr. Hancock to go ahead and schedule the class.

Dr. Cooke expressed concern that by trying to make our courses meet the evidences, we will wind up shifting our curriculum. Dr. Baxter put the standards components up on the screen... they were discussed as were where the various components would fit in with our program. Drs. White and Wood (Wendy) believe these are truly a matter of interpretation. Dr. White expressed his concern that if we get too caught up in meeting each and every one of these components, we will not be doing what we want to do... and that would be a huge mistake. Dr. Wood (Charlie) would like to get clarification on what Vicki Jaus means by the word "optional." (with regard to the list of components).

- ◆ Other (*Dr. Baxter*): Dr. Baxter noted that the agenda includes dates for the upcoming program meetings as well as the revisioning committee meetings.

Program Meeting Dates:	Revisioning Committee Meeting Dates:
January 26	January 12
February 9	January 21
February 23	January 28
March 2	February 4
March 16	February 11
March 30	February 18
April 6	February 25
April 20	<i>(more as needed)</i>
April 27	

Meeting adjourned: 1:46