

SPED Program Meeting
September 28, 2010

In attendance: Anderson (arrived at 12:44), Baxter, Beattie, Campbell-Whately (arrived at 1:08), Cooke, Jordan, Lo, O'Brien, Romanoff, Sherry, Spooner, Test, White, Wood, C., and Wood, W.

Meeting called to order at 12:36.

- ◆ Minutes for Approval (September 7, 2010): Prior to today's meeting, Dr. Baxter emailed the faculty the minutes from our last meeting (September 7th); she asked the faculty if they had any comments or found any errors. There were no errors noted; as such, the minutes were approved as sent.
- ◆ SPED 7150 – new course proposal (*Dr. Baxter*): This course has been a collaborative effort between the special education and counseling programs. They have been working on this for a few years now. The course outline was emailed to the faculty prior to this meeting and would now be reviewed. The faculty proceeded to go over the course content. SPED 3173 and the need to offer it in the spring, as well as the challenges presented, were also discussed. The need for an adjunct was brought up and discussion ensued. Dr. Jordan asked if the Counseling Department would be paying for the adjunct. Dr. Sherry responded that it would come from the Dean's money.

Dr. White commented that he is glad to see that the Counseling Department is moving in this direction. He thinks it's going to be important to our kids. Dr. Cooke discussed the content and how it can best meet the needs of school counselors. Dr. White said that he was ready to make a motion to approve. Dr. Wood (Wendy) believes that the content list should include self-determination. Dr. Spooner wanted to be sure that he understood it correctly: it seems as though this is counseling's course, but it is our content and Dr. Baxter will be teaching it? Would it always have to be this way? Dr. Baxter noted that when the discussion started, it was to see if a course could better meet the needs of counselors... she said that we have always offered SPED 5100 to counseling... they just wanted something more specific. Dr. Test believes that there should be some other websites/topics included on the list of web resources: NSTTAC, transition, school completion/dropout prevention. Dr. White said that it's going to be very difficult to put everything school counselors need to know about special education in a three-hour course. Dr. Cooke said that the problem is that since Dr. Baxter will be teaching this course, that will mean that we will need an adjunct to teach her assessment course. Dr. Test is concerned about this; he thinks that our faculty should be teaching our core courses. Dr. Baxter stated that Dale Cusumano, who was brought in to teach the face-to-face assessment course would actually be a good candidate to teach this course.

Service courses were discussed (including EDUC 4290). Dr. White told the faculty that we have been discussing this with the Counseling Department for four years now... they have based their revisioning around this... so this is not the time to say "no." Dr. Baxter said that, so far, really the only "con" she's heard is the financial aspect (who is paying for the adjunct?). Dr. Sherry said that he has looked at this as a real plus. The faculty took a vote: Dr. White moved to accept it; Dr. Sherry seconded. Dr. Cooke suggested that, in terms of the content, we might have the faculty be able to have some input... open it up to the faculty. Dr. Baxter said that we will have the opportunity for faculty to look at the course syllabus. The vote was taken and it was approved unanimously.

◆ Undergraduate Program (*Dr. Baxter*):

- Evidence 3: procedures finalized. Prior to this meeting, Dr. Baxter emailed the faculty the draft of the procedures for Evidence 3. She told the group that the Evidence 3 faculty met and discussed the procedures for Evidence 3. She proceeded to discuss the background on that. The idea among the revisioning committee is to protect individual faculty from having to take all this on themselves (proficiency). Dr. White said that it's work: the Evidence 3 faculty will now have to do the reliability stuff just like the Evidence 2 faculty. The faculty discussed the draft procedures for Evidence 3. Dr. Baxter reminded the faculty not to take anything out of their courses that is collected data. She also noted that it sounds like we need Evidence 3 faculty to meet again so that we can continue this discussion. Dr. Jordan asked Dr. Baxter if she had sent out the Evidence 2 information... Dr. Baxter said that she did, but that she would send it out again.
- Editorial changes for Undergraduate Catalog – received by Janet Levy on September 14, 2010; approved by Janet Levy, September 15, 2010, and sent to Registrar.
- Evidence 6 meeting scheduled... Tuesday, October 5; 12:30; Room 103.

◆ Graduate Programs (*Dr. Baxter*):

- Second year of revisioning – we are proceeding toward University proposal; *Goal*: Long forms to Lee Sherry by October 1.
- Need course outlines for 6690 (2); 6502; 6503*; 6691; 6692; 6693; 6694; RSCH 7113* by September 28.
NOTE: SPED 6503 and RSCH 7113 submitted. Thank you, Charlie!
- Edits for graduate catalog submitted to Jeannine Jones.

Our October 5th meeting has been cancelled. Our next meeting will be on October 26. Remaining meetings in 2010: October 26; November 16; November 30

Meeting adjourned: 1:37