

## SPED Program Meeting

October 29, 2013

*In attendance: Anderson (arrived at 12:40), Baxter, Beattie, Browder (arrived at 12:38), Lo, Matthews, O'Brien (arrived at 12:38), Sherry, Spooner, Test, Wakeman, Wood, C., and Wood, W.*

Meeting called to order at 12:36.

### 1. Welcome

2. **Minutes for Approval (September 24, 2013):** Dr. Baxter emailed the September 24<sup>th</sup> minutes prior to today's meeting. She asked if there were any changes to be made; none were noted. Dr. Sherry made a motion to approve the minutes; Dr. Wood (Charlie) seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by common consent.

3. **AIG News (Dr. Matthews):** Dr. Matthews stated that there are about 7 applications so far for the faculty search for the gifted position. He also said that the NAGC conference is next week; he will try to get some more applicants for the position while he is there.

4. **Proposals for Program Vote (Dr. Baxter):** Documents distributed: (1) *published Distance Education curriculum (Graduate Certificate in Special Education [K-12]: Adapted Curriculum)*; (2) *SPED Graduate Certificate – General Curriculum Seated Program with curriculum showing candidates beginning in Fall, Spring, and Summer*; and (3) *Catalog changes: prerequisites and semester courses are offered.*

- a. Offer SPED Graduate Certificate – Adapted Curriculum Program as Distance Education only; eliminate seated program. The vote today is whether we should offer the Adapted Curriculum Graduate Certificate as distance education only (shut down the seated program until enrollment improves). Dr. Sherry noted that our seated enrollment isn't actually so bad... it's just that we don't have enough to offer both the distance and seated programs. Dr. Wood (Wendy) noted that with Baby Boomers retiring, the enrollment numbers could change. Dr. Sherry said that this could be a temporary change.

**The proposal was made that we offer the Special Education Graduate Certificate in Adapted Curriculum as distance education only (eliminate the seated program). Dr. Woody (Wendy) made a motion to approve; Dr. Spooner seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the proposal was approved by common consent.**

- b. Offer SPED Graduate Certificate – General Curriculum Seated Program with beginning course sequence Fall semester. It was noted that the only thing that changes is four into courses offered (once Fall or Spring – not both). The faculty reviewed the changes to the course catalog. Dr. Baxter doesn't see us needing to eliminate the seated sequence for General Curriculum.

**The proposal was made to offer the Special Education Graduate Certificate in General Curriculum Seated Program with beginning course sequence Fall semester. Dr. Wood (Charlie) made a motion to approve; Dr. Anderson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the proposal was approved by common consent. (Note that Dr. Browder had stepped out and was absent from this vote.)**

5. **Proposals for further discussion (Dr. Baxter):** Document distributed: (1) *published Distance Education MAT curriculum (Master of Arts in Teaching Special Education [K-12])*.

- a. Offer SPED MAT/M.Ed. 5-course sequence as Distance Education only. Enrollment for the seated program is very low. Dr. Sherry told the group that he believes we will see better enrollments for MAT/M.Ed. down the road. Dr. Wood (Charlie) believes that we need to have one program (not seated and distance); he would like to do a hybrid (a mix of both). Dr. Baxter stated that a hybrid would be considered "seated." Discussion ensued.

**The proposal was made to offer the SPED MAT 5-course sequence as SEATED ONLY WITH COURSES OFFERED HYBRID. Dr. O'Brien made a motion to approve; Dr. Wood (Charlie) seconded the motion.**

Dr. Baxter stated that we would eliminate Distance Education MAT advertising. Dr. Matthews wondered if everyone would now have to pay the seated prices. Dr. Baxter said that they would if it was a seated course... if the class is offered online, then it would be the cheaper distance tuition.

**A vote was taken and the proposal was approved by common consent.**

6. **SPED AC Grad Cert Proposal** (Drs. Wood [Wendy] and Wakeman): Document distributed: (1) *Special Education: Adapted Curriculum: DE\_new course.*
- a. Add 5280 and replace 5279 (offered Spring)
  - b. New course (comb. 5175 & 5279: 5278) – (Fall)
  - c. Change DE curriculum course sequence beginning F14 – eliminate summer? We will hold on this discussion.

If we offer the course during the summer and not in the school year, it affects faculty loads. The handout that was distributed was reviewed. Discussion ensued. Dr. Test stated that if we do this, there are some things that we are going to have to take on for a while. There was also discussion about how these changes will affect the doc students.

**The proposal was made for the SPED AC Graduate Certificate that we add 5280 and replace 5279; that 5175 and 5279 will be replaced with 5278. Dr. Wood (Wendy) made a motion to approve; Dr. Wakeman seconded the motion.**

There was brief discussion about course outlines.

**A vote was taken and the proposal was approved by common consent.**

7. **Other Business:** Dr. Baxter said that on November 19<sup>th</sup>, Dean McIntyre will be attending our program meeting. The faculty were told to keep that date on their calendars. Dr. Baxter said that she would be letting everyone know which of the two presentations they should come to.

Dr. Test updated the group on the Chair search. We have no applicants at this point. The Dean is willing to hire a search firm. We should still be recruiting though. If the faculty don't want to contact someone about the available position, send the information to Dr. Test and he will do it.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:44.

Upcoming program meeting dates 2013-2014:

November 19: Dean McIntyre attending program presentations: SPED Initial Licensure; SPED Masters Programs – please plan on attending at least one of the two presentations.

February 4

February 25

March 25

April 22 – Program SACS/NCATE data review