

MINUTES
POLICY COUNCIL
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
March 31, 2010
1:00-3:00pm
IUB – Room 2140
IUPUI – Room 3138E

What follows is a summary of speaker contributions.

Members Present: R. Appelman, P. Kloosterman, G. Lopez, S. Martinez, B. Maxcy, F. Pawan, J. Rosario, A. Teemant; **Alternates Present:** M. Manifold, L. Mikulecky; **Dean's Staff Present:** T. Brush, J. Cummings, F. Robison, R. Sherwood; **Graduate Student Members Present:** C. Chestnut; **Guests Present:** S. Carter, R. Skiba

I. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the February 17, 2010 Policy Council meeting were unanimously approved. (10.32M)

II. Announcement and Discussion

Dean's Report: Jack Cummings

First, the NCATE team will be on campus from April 11-13th. There will be a dinner the evening of the 11th, but the main activity happens on Monday the 12th and Tuesday the 13th. On Tuesday at 9am, there will be an open session during which faculty can provide input; all are encouraged to stop by and to encourage colleagues to do so as well. The work that Jill Shedd has put into the report deserves special thanks and recognition.

Another issue related to the NCATE process concerns the advanced programs. There is good familiarity with the six principles of the undergraduate programs, but it's important to note that the advanced programs also have a conceptual framework that includes the following four principles: 1) attain a comprehensive knowledge base, 2) develop intellectual skills and abilities in terms of inquiry, 3) commitment to diversity, culture, community and context, and 4) commitment to lifelong learning and professional growth and development.

Second, the governor signed REPA into law yesterday. There was some miscommunication in the Indianapolis Star regarding a statement that prospective 5th-12th grade teachers must have a content-area major. This implies that there is no secondary education major, when, in fact, that major is an option. The real point of the statute was that each candidate we prepare must have the content equivalent of a content-area major. After some back and forth, Chuck Carney was able to correct the online story. Our main concern right now should be to attend to the local audience—our current and prospective students who may have questions, and university division advisors who counsel those considering a teacher education major.

Third, there is some good news related to application numbers. In the fall of 2008, there were 1584 applicants to IU that indicated an interest in education; 930 were accepted. In fall 2010, there are 2486 applicants to IU who indicated an interest in education; 1083 were accepted. The marketing efforts of Katie Paulin have made a huge difference. In past years, there has not been much focus on communicating with students after they come in as freshmen. What has changed starting last year is that there has been more communication about events at the School of Education, more attention to providing information, and so on. With Katie Paulin's focus on marketing, there is a whole spreadsheet of activities as well as timelines related to when students get information; also, direct admits in particular are assigned a School of Education advisor who they meet with on a regular basis. Don Hossler also deserves credit for our increased attention to prospective students.

Announcements: Pete Kloosterman

Faculty Meeting: Friday, April 16th, 2010 at 10:00am

Final Policy Council Meeting and Organizational Meeting: April 21, 2010, 1:00pm and 3:00pm
P. Kloosterman asked for feedback regarding the nominations for next year's Agenda Committee. A. Teemant made two suggestions: 1) persons who have been on the agenda committee before should not be over-used, and 2) persons on the Policy Council for the first time should not be elected to chair the Agenda Committee. S. Carter suggested that it should be indicated on the ballot when and how long persons have previously served on the Agenda Committee and Policy Council. P. Kloosterman requested that further suggestions be shared with him if and when they arise.

R. Sherwood added that the Organizational Meeting on the 21st may be busier than usual because of REPA business.

III. Old Business

Diversity Topic: Stephanie Carter.

S. Carter gave a presentation related to her work with creating a community literacy program for African-American youth. Questions and discussion ensued.

IV. New Business

Art Education Program Proposal (10.34): Marjorie Manifold

M. Manifold discussed some proposed changes to the Art Education program, particularly the student teaching requirement.

This has already been approved by the Committee on Teacher Education.

Questions and discussion ensued.

Vote: Unanimous acceptance of changes.

Diversity Committee regarding ARC 2010 (10.31): Russ Skiba

R. Skiba discussed two cross-campus initiatives regarding diversity: Diversity Days and ARC 2010. The Diversity Committee has recommended a series of fall 2010 workshops during which representatives from all SOE departments could discuss three topics: recruitment of students from underrepresented populations, faculty mentoring, and multicultural curriculum. Several questions and a lengthy discussion ensued.

The Policy Council provided feedback, particularly related to the general interest in diversity workshops and the method of assigning a member from each department to the workshops.

Guidelines for LCLE Department Chair Selection (10.36): Larry Mikulecky

L. Mikulecky presented new guidelines for the LCLE department chair selection process.

P. Kloosterman pointed out a discrepancy between two documents: one saying that “Each candidate can decline nomination” and the other saying that “Each candidate cannot decline nomination.” The latter was indicated as the proper wording.

Vote: Unanimous Approval (of the amended document—the one indicating that “each candidate cannot decline nomination.”)

V. New Courses/Course Changes

None.

****P. Kloosterman adjourned meeting at 2:22pm****