

Minutes
Basic Program Committee
January 18, 2001

Present: Bill Cupples (SPED), Jan Davis (St. Tchr), Carolyn Finch (COE), Cathy Fleischer (ENG), Ron Fulbert (BTE), Barbara Gorenflo (COE), Gerry Green (MATH), Debbie Harmon for (Pat Pokay) (TED), Chris Lancaster (COE), Linda Lewis-White (TED), Maureen McCormack (TED), Gretchen Otto (ART), Michael Paciorek (HPERD), Kathlyn Parker (SPED), Louise Patrick, Don Phillips (SCIENCES), Jeanne Pietig (TED), Shawn Quilter (TED).

New Business

1. New members to the BPC were welcomed.
2. Minutes from the 12/7 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Old Business

1. Roles of major/minor departments in admission of students to initial preparation programs needs to be discussed further. The Dean will attend the Feb. 1, 2001 meeting to discuss this further.

New Business

1. Field Experience course (FETE) requirements were discussed. Guidelines for the organization of FETE courses, including timelines and evaluation forms, were explained by Linda Lewis-White.

Discussion: Student problems complying with FETE requirements were discussed. Some secondary students, especially, are being misplaced in areas other than their teaching subject areas. Some students are not aware of, or for other unknown reasons, do not complete the course requirements.

2. General Education requirements for Post-BA students was presented by Chris Lancaster. Inequities in the program in elementary certification were noted. Students from four-year institutions are required to take more coursework than those from two- year institutions. There also seems to be an imbalance in the coursework required. For instance, a student must take many more courses in science than reading. It was asked again if it is appropriate to ask students who have already completed a BA degree be asked to take another 100 credits for elementary certification.

Recommendations to the COE council were discussed. Are there ways that we can reduce the number of credit hours in general education for Post-BA students,

especially students seeking Elementary certification? A suggestion was made that the BPC resubmit recommendations made last year for paring down particular program areas for Post-BAs.

3. National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) preparations for EMU's 2002 review A copy of the current Conceptual Framework(s) at EMU was reviewed. It was thought we already have a very strong conceptual framework, but the references do need to be updated. Professional dispositions need to be included. There was some discussion about the content of a professional disposition component. Professional behaviors and attitudes are included, and could be identified as outcomes for our students. Carolyn Finch suggested that there needs to be an advisory committee concerning professional framework. One place to start is for the BPC to answer the questions posed by the Dean in a memo dated Dec. 17,2000.

Since there was no more business or discussion, it was moved, seconded and approved that we adjourn.

Announcements

Next meeting is Feb. 1, 2001 in 301B Porter from 3-5 pm.