

Basic Programs Committee for Initial Teacher Certification

Minutes October 25, 2001

Present: M. McCormack, TED (Secretary); B. Cupples, SPECED; W. Burke, TED; K. Parker, SPECED; B. Faust, HPERD; P. Moore, COSC; G. Green, MTH; G. Otto, ART; L. Patrick, MUS, FLABS,CTA; C. Lancaster, COE; C. Finch, COE; C. Fleischer, English; S. Quilter, TED (Co-Chair); L. Lewis-White (Co-Chair), TED; G. Langer, & P. Pokay, TED.

Call to order 3:03 PM by Lewis-White.

1. Approval of minutes from 10/11/01;
2. Discussion on the proposed revision of CHEM 241 to a 300 level course. Members felt that much more information was needed before they could vote. Motion to TABLE was passed.
3. C. Finch gave a report on the costs of a video monitor system for COE public communications. Donors will be sought.
4. P.Pokay gave a report on the findings and recommendations of the ad hoc committee on preservice teachers' writing skill. Data from studies of Basic Skills scores and English 121 grades shows no conclusive diagnostic factors. A remedial writing course taught by the English Dept. will be offered to students having basic skill problems. The course will be listed as SOFD 477: Writing Skills Enhancement for Teachers. It will carry one credit and be offered in the spring and summer. It was suggested and recommended that writing problems become a factor for a red flag.
5. A motions was made and passed to *recommend that Dr. Nelson include in her group advising packet that preservice teachers are expected to be good writers and that a list of resources for writing enhancement follow. Further, that preservice teachers are expected to be good communicators and that includes writing, speaking, and negotiating positive interpersonal social relations in varied of contexts, many of which may be challenging.* The motion passed unanimously.
6. It was announced that Shawn Quilter, Linda Lewis-White and Maureen McCormack would take the Elementary Education test next semester.
7. Shawn Quilter reviewed the recent sub-test scores on the Elementary Education Test.
8. Chris Lancaster, advisor to post-bac students, alerted members about a possible registration nightmare regarding the computer sensitivity to prerequisite requirements. Her students have already met the requirements in their undergraduate work, but the computer will not know this.