

Teacher Education Council Meeting  
Friday, January 25, 2008

Minutes

Members Present: Eileen Abrahamsen, Francis Adams, Cheryl Baker, David Branch, Daniel Dickerson, Sue Doviak, Elizabeth Esinhart, Charlene Fleener, Stephen Foster, Linda Gagen, William Graves, Sharon Judge, Janet Katz, Stephen Knott, Terri Mathews, John McConaugha, Dave Netherton, Nola Nicholson, Nicki Perron, Lynn Schultz, Gail Taylor, Alice Wakefield, and Philip Reed.

1. Sharon Judge welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 2:16 pm. Dr. Judge reviewed minutes from November 16, 2007 and a motion was made for approval of the minutes. Dave Netherton approved, it was seconded and the motion was passed.
2. Sharon Judge discussed the Virginia Department of Education's 2007 Program Status Matrix which is due May 1, 2007. Faculty are encouraged to align which courses enable candidates to show knowledge and skills in a particular competency and to add course descriptions from the catalog..
3. Sharon Judge discussed the Recommendation by Ad-Hoc Committee on Praxis II. It was recommended to reduce the practicum and have a student teaching seminar that is pass/no pass. A motion was made for approval of the recommendation and it was seconded that it be approved. The motion was approved with one dissenter.
4. Janet Katz moved to recommend consolidation of Political science/social science and geography/social science into the history/ social science approved teacher education program. The recommendation was approved.
5. Sharon Judge discussed the U.S. TEDS-M Study in which faculty will complete a paper and pencil survey coming out in March and syllabi will be collected.
6. Sharon Judge recommended the unit-wide adoption of LiveText.
  - a. Faculty will be trained. Faculty have option of sending assignments and rubrics and GAs will upload them for faculty.
  - b. The motion passed unanimously.
7. List of 6-8 Assessments – Due February 1, 2008.
8. Dean Graves explained the Teach Grants a result of the New Higher Education Act.
  - a. Entitlement to students who qualify is up to \$16,000 and is non need based.
  - b. Please inform students about this list (Critical Shortage Teaching Endorsement Areas in Virginia) and graduate students will have to fill out a financial aid form.
9. Final announcements by Dean Graves.
  - a. Virginia Teacher of the Year is from ODU and is proof of the excellent job being done by the faculty.