

UNIVERSITY of
NORTHERN COLORADO



Professional Education Council

Minutes

May 1, 2014

McKee 282; 4:00-5:30 PM

(Minutes approved by PEC, 9.25.14)

Present: Melitta Wagner-Heaston, Todd Sundeen, Bette Rathe, Kathy O'Neil, Jason Byrnes, Kevin Slivka, Jennifer Krause, Jeri Kraver, Valerie Middleton, Youngjin Song, Mark Montemayor, Robyn Hess

Absent: Mark Thompson, Margo Barnhart, Ginny Huang, Teresa Higgins, Nicole Petersen, Ian Fralick

Guests: Vicky Stromberger, Kim Creasy

I. Welcome

II. Approval of 4.17.14 Minutes

Todd Sundeen moved to approve the minutes; Jeri Kraver seconded the motion; motion unanimously approved.

III. Curriculum Review:

Representative: Kim Creasy

A. Elementary Education Program Modification

(Reference the December 5, 2013 minutes for information on the original curriculum submission.)

1. Eliminate ENG 419 (in addition to the elimination of EDRD 319 that has been approved) from Elementary Education Program under Language Arts as an alternative for EDRD319.
2. Correct math error: Language Arts requirements will be change from 24-25 to 21-22.

Jeri Kraver moved to approve the stated motion (#1 & #2); Kathleen O'Neil seconded the motion; motion unanimously approved.

IV. Old Business

- Announcement of changes in the ELED concentrations. Kevin Slivka stressed the importance of maintaining the arts for the ELED concentration (see attached letter).
- Questions regarding April's PEC PLACE/PRAXIS discussion:
 1. CDE does not require these exams for licensure in Colorado while UNC requires a state or nationally approved standardized exam (PLACE/PRAXIS) for all candidates seeking initial licensure. May we now tell our students they can choose either one? The PLACE exam has been problematic for many content areas, and if students are allowed to choose the PRAXIS II over the PLACE, there may be a potential for an increased success rate.
 2. Members asked whether the cut scores for the PRAXIS II exams will be changed with new revisions. It was Council's understanding that Colorado cut scores on several exams were higher than the norm. Question: Is it correct that the Math and English scores were revised? If it is determined that our students in other content areas may choose either PLACE or PRAXIS, what are the cut scores for PRAXIS II? PLACE scores remain at 220 for all areas, correct?
 3. It is Council's understanding that there will need to be catalog changes made if a choice of exam is approved.

V. New Business:

- PEC Vice-Chair Election: Melitta requested nominations; none made. Election will take place at the September '14 PEC meeting. Margo Barnhart will be PEC chair, 2014-2015.
- Mark Thompson is willing to serve as the elementary partner school representative. Jason Byrnes moved to approve Mark's appointment as PEC's elementary partner school representative, AY 2014-2015; Jeri Kraver seconded the motion; motion unanimously approved. Marsha will send an invitation letter to Mark from Dean Sheehan.

VI. Other:

- Melitta thanked everyone for their service on PEC. She stated that there may be quite a bit of curriculum during the 2014-2015 academic year.
- PEC thanked Melitta for her service as PEC chair.

VII. Comments for the Good of the Order: NA

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by unanimous agreement.

Minutes submitted by Marsha Stewart