

INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
TEACHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE
September 16, 2008

APPROVED MINUTES
Approved (10-21-08)

Members present: D. Ballard, C. Chao, D. Clark, H. Ganapathy-Coleman, S. Gruenert, E. Hampton, K. Harris, R. Hinshaw, S. Kiger, F. Lai, S. Latta, M. Lee, C. Marchese, M. Nail, A. Norris, D. Quatroche, A. Solesky, C. Tucker, K. Wenning

Members absent: L. Calvin

Ex Officio Members present: B. Balch, S. Powers, J. Sheese, B. Libler

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm by Chair E. Hampton.
2. Approval of Minutes for April 15, 2008 – H. Ganapathy-Coleman moved approval of the April 15, 2008 minutes. D. Quatroche seconded. Minutes were approved (18-0-2).

3. New Business

a. Election of Officers

Nominations were invited for the TEC Executive Committee. The duties of the TEC Executive Committee were outlined as: reviewing student petitions, creating agenda and collaborating on it, and reviewing program proposals and curriculum alterations. H. Ganapathy-Coleman was nominated for Secretary, R. Hinshaw for Parliamentarian and Dan Clark as the “non-COE member.” All nominations passed by acclamation.

b. Technology Standards

S. Powers informed the committee that ISTE has come out with more current National Educational Technology Standards for teachers and that TEC would have to decide where the newly created standards should be adopted by us. Considering that the state has adopted these standards, S. Kiger moved the motion to adopt them. D. Clark seconded the motion. There was a discussion about the standards. The previous set of standards was seven years old. As a result, programs will need to look into addressing new standards. It was recognized that while it will take some time, it will not be impossible to adopt the new standards. The motion passed unanimously 19-0-1. M. Nail moved a motion for progress to be shared with TEC in spring 2009 and for programs to adopt the new standards by fall 2009, S. Kiger seconded it, and the motion was approved unanimously (20-0-0).

c. Charge to UAS Committees

S. Powers reported that Assessment Day was successful and that there was an emerging discussion about determining inter-rater reliability and content and

instrumental validity of assessment tools. S. Kiger noted that UAS Committees would be responsible for determining reliability and validity of assessment tools to minimize confusion. D. Ballard moved a motion for the UAS Committees to create a plan for examining validity and reliability of assessment tools. C. Tucker seconded the motion. There was discussion about who would be responsible for it and whether assessments would be collected and then changes made to them or the reverse considering that it will take time to develop a new rating system. As chair of both UAS committees, M. Nail was informed of the charge to the UAS committees of developing a new rating system that will be submitted to the TEC for approval. The motion passed (19-0-1).

4. Informational Discussion

a. Student Teaching Handbooks Information Discussion

First, S. Powers and J. Sheese brought up the issue of the differences between the ELED and CIMT handbooks with the ELED handbook specifying that none of the students (except those in T2T) can work for pay in the school system while student teaching. Students question the inconsistency in handbooks. To D. Ballard's request for clarification, S. Powers said that when a student works and student teaches at the same time, they have no supervision of their work. Neither do they have liability insurance. We must insist on having an agreement with schools because not having liability insurance is a problem in the school corporation. D. Ballard noted that out of state school placements are also made, highlighting the need for an agreement with schools.

Second, there was discussion about the language to be used with regard to "coaching." Coaching is regarded as an employment issue. Being an athletic coach and a student at the same time is not a good idea as our students are not covered by professional liability insurance that professional organizations provide but universities do not. As a result, students who are athletic coaches may need to be only volunteers as long as they are students. S. Powers said that students must declare it if they are doing something else in case it conflicts with demands on their time as students.

b. TEC Memos to Programs Turning In/Not Turning in Reports

E. Hampton reported that memos have been sent out to different programs telling them if their program report has been received, if it was received late or if it has not been received at all. All programs are required to turn in summarized three-year reports. If they do not, the state will not license them and as a result, ISU will discontinue them too. The memos were sent to Department Chairs, Deans and the President.

c. S. Powers informed the group that the first discussion meeting will be held on October 7. Two topics were proposed by TEC members: recruiting teacher education majors and minority educator recruitment. The group decided on the topic of minority educator recruitment for the first discussion meeting of the academic year.

5. Associate Deans' Report – Becky Libler & Susan Powers
 - B. Libler reminded the committee that November 1 is Sycamore Educator Day.
 - ISU is one of 30 universities in the Teachers for a New Era (TNE) Learning Network, the only university from Indiana to be selected. TNE has three goals: closer association with the content areas in CAS and other colleges with teacher education programs, embedding richer clinical experiences, and data driven decision making. A mini grant has been received to introduce more quantitative literacy. TNE has named ISU as one of the Top Ten Reform Schools for teacher education. A site visit is scheduled for this fall; we are a case study for inclusion into a monograph.
 - Project PRE ends on September 30. An extension has been requested. Professional development programs are ongoing.
 - S. Powers informed the committee that PRAXIS workshops have been planned for September 22 and 23. During these two days, an ETS consultant will be coming in. As response has been poor and considering that the cost for hosting the workshop is \$6000, we may need to reschedule.
 - The Lilly Fellows Creativity Academy is on September 29, 5-7.30 pm. There is an open house, food, poster-style presentations and conversation with the fellows at that time. The event is in the College of Education, 11th floor conference room #1. The Lilly Endowment would like for us to write grants again for this program.
 - S. Powers also reported that Assessment Day went well. There is some discussion about whether we should continue to have it on the Friday after Labor Day, have two half days, or before classes start.
 - 400 people are now active on tk20. Transition points are being put in place to indicate when and what BCP requirements students are meeting. By spring 2009, the advising feature will be in use.

6. ESS Report – J. Sheese reminded the group that if the Criminal History Check is not visible in the portal, the student should be sent to ESS. Students are being encouraged to apply for licensure recommendation as long as their grades are posted, they have been approved for program completion, and they are no more than 60 days away from program completion. Once J. Sheese's office approves it, it goes to the Department of Education. The process costs about \$37.23 and includes the Criminal History Check.

7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Hema Ganapathy-Coleman, TEC Secretary