

**College of Education  
Council for Teacher Education  
Minutes  
April 16, 2014**

**Attending Members:** Dr. Gail McMillon, Director of Student Teaching; Dr. Michelle Brown, English; Dr. Deborah Dardis, Biological Sciences; Dr. Tom Devaney, Educational Leadership and Technology; Dr. Cindy Elliott, Department Head, Teaching and Learning; Dr. Charlotte Humphries, Kinesiology and Health Studies; Dr. Shirley Jacob, Interim Dean; Ms. Amanda Lopez, graduate student; Ms. Janelle Lorenzen, Mathematics; Ms. Terri Miller-Drufner, Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences; Ms. Amanda Musselman, undergraduate student; Dr. Jeffrey Oescher, Department Head, Educational Leadership and Technology; Mr. Andre' Pellerin, Principal, Loranger Elementary School; Dr. Ellen Ratcliff, Teaching and Learning

**Absent:** Dr. Daniel Acosta, Science and Technology; Dr. Kenneth Boulton, Interim Department Head, Fine and Performing Arts; Mrs. Pat Williams, Southeastern Laboratory School

The meeting was called to order by Dr. McMillon.

Minutes from the February meeting were approved.

**Proposed Curriculum Changes**

1. **EDUC 204 – Change in Existing Course:** The proposal was to change the course title so that it reflected its true purpose: to train prospective resident assistants. The course consists of lecture and field work that are designed to develop a better understanding of student and community development, leadership and theory. Students must complete 5 hours of experiences in the field (i.e. dormitory) with an experienced resident assistant as their mentor are required.
  - Motion was made to approve by Dr. Ratcliff; second by Dr. Devaney. The curriculum change was approved.
2. **EDUC 448 – New Course – Apprenticeship I in Early Childhood Education:** This course is for Early Childhood majors enrolled in the St. Charles Apprenticeship. Teacher candidates will be engaged in on-the-job training in the school environment. Teacher candidates will earn nine hours of credit for a minimum of 500 hours of approved field experience that follows the school district calendar.
3. **EDUC 448 – New Course – Apprenticeship I in Elementary, Middle School & Secondary Education:** This course is designed for Elementary, Middle School and Secondary majors. Teacher candidates are engaged in on-the-job training with a mentor teacher in St. Charles Parish. Candidates will earn nine hours of

credit for a minimum of 400 hours of approved field experiences involving observation, co-teaching with the mentor teacher, and direct teaching of whole and small groups. Information is needed on substituting this course for regular methods courses. Council members want to know when, who, and how this course will be substituted.

4. **MAT 662 – New Course – Apprenticeship I in Education, Middle School, & Secondary Education:** This course is also for students seeking Alternate certification. Description is the same as in item 3.
  - Motion to approve all three above courses (items 2-4) was made by Dr. Brown; second by Dr. Ratcliff. The new courses were approved.
  
5. **MATH 161 Notation in Degree Plans in Department of Teaching & Learning – MATH 161 prerequisite of “C” or better” for MATH 177 – Change in Catalogue Entry:** It was noted that the Department of Mathematics requires all students to receive a grade of “C or better” for MATH 161. Further, it is a prerequisite for MATH 177. A dagger needs to be placed in the catalogue signifying this requirement.
  - Motion to approve by Dr. Devaney; second by Dr. Ratcliff. The catalogue change was approved.

#### **For CTE Discussion**

**EDUC 490 – Course Prerequisites by Content Area, Degree Plans, Secondary Majors Meet Expectations for Teacher Education Progression:** Degree plans for content majors were discussed by all. Dr. Brown stated that some students are enrolled in EDUC 490 and content methods simultaneously. Content methods needs to be a prerequisite to EDUC 490. All agreed that a catalogue change is needed. It is suggested that changes be presented at the first meeting in September 2014.

The meeting was adjourned.