

School of Teaching and Learning  
May 6, 2009

1. Bush Foundation: Dean Teri Walseth
  2. BOT Standards: Lynn Mahlum
  3. STL goals, Holmquist move: Sue Severson
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Present: Chair Sue Severson, Dean Teri Walseth, (Guest), Heather Sand, Steve Grineski, Steve Street, Camille Brandt, Lynn Mahlum, Renee Kerzman, Teresa Shume, Melody Chuang, John Benson, Ann Goldade, Keri DeSutter, Valerie Ritland, Jessiac Molstre, Deanne Borgeson, Dean Mollerud, Mary Dosch, Barb Worman, Lisa Staiger

Teri Walseth joined us to talk about the Bush Foundation and their proposal to eliminate the achievement gap. The Bush Foundation proposes to fund a study addressing the reform of teacher education. The stipulations, if our plan is approved, would be: 1) There would be a four year follow-up of our grads. 2) Data would be collected yearly to determine progress of our grads. 3) We need to partner with school districts to ensure jobs for teachers in this area.

The Bush Foundation is interested in partnering with about a dozen universities in Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota. They will fund a summer planning session, and if the plan is implemented, they will fund it for 10 years. Four major components of the study will be recruitment, training, placement, and follow-up. It was agreed to pursue a proposal.

Lynn Mahlum discussed new BOT standards. New reading standards are coming. The proposed timeline is that program changes will be made at all institutions Fall Semester 2009. The program approval submission window is Jan. 1-May 31, 2010. Program reviews will be completed Aug. 31, 2010, and on Sept. 1, 2010, all program changes will be finalized and revised programs will be launched. This timeline may be extended. If teacher candidates complete their program before Sept. 1, 2010, they must be prepared under the current licensure structure and standards, and will take current licensure tests. The candidate must be advised that the rules are changing after Sept. 1, 2010. All K-6 candidates must make at least one attempt to pass the corresponding specialty area test. If the candidate is not successful, he/she can apply for a license to teach in a K-6 setting.

Candidates admitted into a teacher prep. program on or after Sept. 1, 2010 must be prepared under the new licensure structure and standards, and will take the new forms of tests.

Sue discussed STL potential goals for 2009-2010. A couple of ideas include expanding on-line offerings, maintaining the integrity of field experience as more classes go on-line, addressing students of concern/disposition, enhancing faculty technical skills, providing access and opportunity to embed diversity and cultural backgrounds in student curriculum.

Valerie Ritland motioned to approve the minutes of Apr. 15, 2009. Mary Dosch seconded. Motion passed.

We will continue to work on STL goals during the summer. E-mail Sue with ideas. New arrangement for Holmquist will be in mailboxes soon. There is a need for a meeting on the Bush Foundation proposal. E-mail Sue if interested in being on committee.

Meeting adjourned: 9:45 am.