

## **Minutes for Secondary/K-12 Meeting Feb. 16, 2009**

Present: Dean Mollerud, Lynn Mahlum, Alison Wallace, Steve Lindaas, Tim Harms, Tim Peil, Linda Houts-Smith, Brad Bachmeier, Teresa Shume, Peggy Rittenhouse

### 1. SARTE Changes:

After discussion, it was agreed that ED 205E evaluations do not need to be required as part of the SARTE application process. The problem of serial SARTE overrides for cumulative GPA has been brought forth for discussion in the STL. The proposed course of action is to provide only one override for cumulative GPA when applying to SARTE, then no more. Students can appeal to the dean. It was announced that Special Education is raising their SARTE GPA requirement to 2.75 so that it matches Elementary and Early Childhood.

There was also a discussion about why the Dispositions Assessment is repeated at each field experience and about the possibility of asking students to reflect on changes each subsequent time they complete the Dispositions Assessment instead of simply completing it again. Sec/K-12 faculty are invited to send any thoughts about how to make Dispositions Assessments more meaningful for students to Lynn Mahlum.

### 2. Capstone Portfolio

The Capstone Portfolio format has multiple section, but only two are being collected and evaluated. The Evidence of Standards portion is due with student teaching applications starting in Fall/09. The Capstone Unit is a unit of instruction designed and taught during student teaching; students have the opportunity to work on this during ED 443 Classroom Management. See this web site for more information about the Capstone Portfolio.

<http://www.mnstate.edu/edhuman/capstoneportfolio.cfm>

### 3. ED 294 and Dragon Core

ED 294 Ed Psych has approval from the Dragon Core Committee and is now going to be submitted to APAC. Two questions were raised. What area? Will it be retroactive? [Update: Area #5 History and Social Science. The effective term of change approved at APAC is Fall/2009 but Dean Walseth is going to write a letter to Academic Affairs requesting retroactivity.]

### 4. NCATE Update

Peggy Rittenhouse, Elementary and Early Childhood Faculty Member and NCATE Coordinator was present to provide an update. Our NCATE visit will take place on April 18-22, 2009. The MN Board of Teaching visit will take place at the same time; Lynn Mahlum is coordinating the BoT visit. The NCATE institutional report is about 95% complete. Any Sec/K-12 faculty member who has assessment data for ed majors is invited to forward it to Peggy Rittenhouse ([NCATE@mnstate.edu](mailto:NCATE@mnstate.edu)).

#### 5. Reading Standards Update

Lynn Mahlum distributed copies of the new MN Reading Standards which need to be embedded in our programs by a year from now. Some standards will go into EECE 448 Reading in the Content Areas, but others will need to go into the Sec/K-12 programs.

There was also a discussion about the fact that the elementary education specialty areas are going away and some will be replaced with an endorsement that will likely look like a minor (but not be called that.)

#### 6. Contact Person for Each Content Area

Sec/K-12 programs are being asked to designate contact persons for the purposes of sending prospective students from the STL and for communication with the STL about BoT and other matters. A few copies of contact persons' business cards would be appreciated so the cards could be distributed to prospective students by the advisors in the STL and by the Field Experience Office. Also, the STL advisors are inviting the Sec/K-12 programs to forward a single copy of program information or advising sheets if available. Please send business cards and program information sheets to Teresa Shume via intercampus mail (Lommen 213, [shume@mnstate.edu](mailto:shume@mnstate.edu)). Thank you!