Meeting Minutes


Members Absent: Tony Tan

Ex-officios Present: Mike Stewart, Paulette Walker

Others Present: Anete Vasquez, Pam Magasich, Kristine Hogarty, Lora Crider

1. Call to Order ................................................................. Patty McHatton, Chair

2. Review of 01/16/09 Minutes
   A motion to approve the meeting minutes with some minor corrections was made by Georgann Wyatt and seconded by John Manning. The meeting minutes were passed with the pending revisions.

3. Reports:
   a. School Partnership
      Mike Stewart reported that things are moving ahead as Hillsborough County was pleased with the revisions to the agreement. The USF General Counsel’s office has approved the agreement and now the agreement is going to the Hillsborough County School Board for approval. Next steps are to draft a similar agreement with Pasco County. A question was raised if there was funding available for faculty working with student groups at the Partnership schools. Currently the funds are allocated only for K-12 teachers at the partnership schools. Mike Stewart encouraged proposals in which the faculty is working with students along with a teacher at the partner school. A question was raised about the funding for regional campuses and it was clarified the Bank of America wants to see the funds spent in Hillsborough/Pasco counties.

   b. Children’s Festival
      Paulette Walker reported the winner of the artwork contest had been selected for the theme “Learning is Wonderbull”. Minor alterations had to be made to the artwork (coloring). The logo winner was from Plant City High School and both the winner and runners up will all be in
attendance at the festival on Saturday March 7th. The festival anticipates 2,000 students on campus that day and will run from 11 am – 3 pm.

4. Discussion items
   a. Assessment data
      Kristine Hogarty reported on the assessment data, disposition assessments and explained the various instruments results that are sent out mid-October every year. The closing the loop form was discussed and how it is to facilitate departments in reporting their review of the data to assist in the accounting for NCATE. It was asked if some of the data could be sent out on a more timely/regular basis. It was explained that data would be more aggregated for Polytechnic and Sarasota as they move toward being autonomous.

   b. Impact on student learning pilots
      Kristine Hogarty invited Anete Vasquez to report on how the pilot program was working with her students. She brought sample projects and a handout that she gives to her students. The students seem to find the process a very value added activity.

   c. Graduation with Distinction nominations and award – spring 2009
      Mike Stewart reported there were two nominations, one from PE and one from Special Education. Both students had great submissions but the deciding factor was the reporting of scholarly activity. Successful recipients need to demonstrate scholarly activity beyond what is done for a course (e.g., working with faculty on a research project). The committee selected Ginger Thompson-Watson from PE as this semester’s recipient. Both nominees have been notified.

   d. Conceptual Framework Committee report
      Mike Stewart reported that the committee met for the first time and has 26 members and 19 were able to attend the first meeting.

   e. Proposed Policy Change for GKT (General Knowledge Test) Requirement
      Deoksoon Kim made a motion to open the proposed policy for discussion and was seconded by Georgann Wyatt. Mike Stewart explained the rationale for the proposed change. After a brief discussion, Deoksoon Kim made a motion to approve the proposed policy change and it was seconded by Amber Phillips. The Proposed Policy for GKT change was passed unanimously.

5. For the good of the Order.

7. Adjournment.
   The meeting was adjourned.

Attachments:
  Meeting Minutes 011609
  New Rules Proposal for Admission concerning the GTK
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Amber Phillips, Stephen Rushton, Deoksoon Kim, Patty McHatton, John Manning, Tony Tan

Members Absent: Georgann Wyatt, Liliana Rodriguez-Campos

Ex-officios Present: Mike Stewart

Ex-officios Absent: Paulette Walker, Erwin Johanningmeier

Others Present: Rick Austin, Rae Clark, Lora Crider

1. Call to Order ................................................................. Patty McHatton, Chair

2. Review of 10/11/08 Minutes – A motion to approve was made by John Manning and was seconded by Deoksoon Kim. The meeting minutes were passed unanimously.

3. Reports:
   a. School Partnership -Mike Stewart
      The Dean, Superintendent, and others are scheduled to meet next week to finalize the Partnership Agreement. They are waiting on revisions from Hillsborough County. It is desired to approve a “generic” agreement. There were 9 Bank of America Scholarships awarded to teachers for this spring semester.
   b. Children’s Festival –Mike Stewart on behalf of Paulette Walker
      The Children’s Festival will be on Saturday March 7th and everything is running on schedule. There is still time if a group would like to have a booth at the Festival. This years’ theme is “Learning is WonderBULL”
   c. Proposed Policy Changes for GKT-Mike Stewart
      A proposed revision of the College’s policy on admission in reference to the GKT test was handed out to the members of the UPC. This draft is to be shared with the UPC representatives in their department and it will be an action item on the agenda of the February 13th UPC Meeting.
   d. Policy for Academic Integrity and Disruption of Academic Process
The members of the UPC were asked to be aware and familiar with the policies.*
Regulation 3.027, Academic Integrity of Students, at

* Regulation 3.025, Disruption of Academic Process, at

4. Secondary Education Program Proposals – Compliance Adjustments
   a. Mathematics Education, B.S. - Rick Austin
      Dr. Austin gave a rationale for what was done to bring the hours of the program into compliance. The Committee reviewed and passed the proposal.
   b. Science Education, (Biology), B.S. - Dana Zeidler
      Dr. Rae Clark gave a rationale for what was done to bring the hours of the program into compliance. The Committee reviewed the proposal and suggested some verbiage changes to the proposal. The proposal was approved pending the suggested verbiage changes were made.
   c. Science Education, (Chemistry), B.S. - Dana Zeidler
      Dr. Rae Clark gave a rationale for what was done to bring the hours of the program into compliance. The Committee reviewed the proposal and suggested some verbiage changes to the proposal. The proposal was approved pending the suggested verbiage changes were made.
   d. Science Education, (Physics), B.S. – Dana Zeidler
      Dr. Rae Clark gave a rationale for what was done to bring the hours of the program into compliance. The Committee reviewed the proposal and suggested some verbiage changes to the proposal. The proposal was approved pending the suggested verbiage changes were made.

5. Discussion items
   a. College of Education Conceptual Framework – The Conceptual Framework is being revisited and tweaked by a committee of 26 which is Chaired by Jane Applegate. The Conceptual Framework was approved in 2004 and needs to be revised prior to the next NCATE visit in 2012. The Committee is hoping to have a draft for approval to both the GPC and UPC next fall.
   b. Mike Stewart will compile the student assessment data for UPC to review at the next UPC meeting.

6. Adjournment

Handouts:
Meeting Minutes 101108
New Rules Proposal for Admission concerning the GTK
Regulation 3.027, Academic Integrity of Students
Regulation 3.025, Disruption of Academic Process
January 12, 2009
Proposed GKT Requirement

**Undergraduate Requirement after Admission into the College of Education**

If a student has not passed all sections of the General Knowledge Test (GKT) before admission to the College of Education, he/she will be required to pass all sections of the GKT before the end of the first semester of admission. Official scores must be on file with Student Academic Services (SAS) before the first day of classes following the student’s first semester. Failure to successfully complete all sections of the GKT during the first semester of admission and having the official score report on file in SAS will result in revocation of admission into the College of Education.

**Present Rule**

Passing scores on all sections of the GKT are required for internship. Presently, students who are admitted with passing scores on the CLAST and/or Praxis can be admitted to the COEDU provided they meet other requirements. If they are admitted with the CLAST and/or Praxis, they have until internship to pass the GKT.

**Rationale for Change**

Waiting until internship to pass the GKT has presented problems for those students who are scheduled to intern, who have delayed taking the exam, and then do not pass it the first time. Failure to pass it prevents them from interning as well as from graduating.

Students who cannot pass the exam must find another major after having completed 50+ hours in the College of Education. For some majors this is a problem because many of the courses they have taken will not count toward another major. Also, taking and passing the GKT early will mean students who are in courses in the COEDU will have demonstrated competency in a basic skills test and theoretically will perform better in the coursework.