MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2007, MEETING OF COE ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

Present: Alsup, Carriveau, Hall, Hess, Hickenbotham, Hovland, Simpson, Thompson, Wolff

Minutes of the last meeting were approved; Alsup moved, and Hall seconded the motion. Hickenbotham led the committee to look at the draft of goals for 2007-08 and discuss a time line. She noted that the emphases are diversity and the conceptual framework. Hall clarified marketing possibilities for disseminating the revised conceptual framework and invited suggestions. The word "share" in Objective #1 was changed to "disseminate." Hickenbotham will revise wording in Goal #2 to incorporate committee suggestions.

Carriveau confirmed that the revised Dispositions Form is being implemented at the undergraduate level, and Simpson confirmed that it is being used this year at the graduate level.

Hall, Alsup, and Simpson told the committee that the survey (used with our students as they exit, with alumni, and with employers) is being revised to align more effectively with the proficiencies reflected in our instruction, on the revised Dispositions Form, and on the Student Teaching Final Appraisal. Alsup emphasized the importance of letting the research base that guides our instruction also guide the revision of the survey.

Hall announced that Faye LaDuke-Pelzer, Jami Stone, and Urla Marcus are serving on the search committee to hire a new faculty member to teach diversity courses. She emphasized that we are welcome to give input to that committee. The new person will teach South Dakota Indian Studies at the undergraduate level and Cultural Diversity in Schools at the graduate level. The committee discussed the importance of establishing long-term partnerships/relationships with schools that have diverse populations so we can enhance our students' experiences. The committee also discussed the importance of heightening our students' awareness of the diversity in populations with which they already work, helping our students collect data related to diversity, and helping them transfer learning from these experiences into their professional lives.

Dates for additional COE Accreditation Committee meetings in the 2007-08 school year will be October 29, December 10, January 28, February 25, and April 21. Meetings will be at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Pat Simpson, October 3, 2007