MINUTES OF COE GRADUATE COUNCIL
September 16, 2009

PRESENT: Apaza, Briggs, Fuller, Hovland, Matthew, Simpson, Stone

The Graduate Council is now a smaller group appointed by the Dean of the COE for the academic year 2009-2010. The group met on September 16, 2009, for its first meeting of the year.

Simpson explained that our graduate programs are classified by NCATE as "advanced programs for other school professionals" and thus must have a consistent leadership clinical practicum across all four programs that provides each candidate structured, supervised experience beyond his or her own classroom. After looking at the proposal brought by Simpson, the group voted unanimously to change the course title of ED 754, *Professional Development in Schools*, to *Leadership in Schools*, to more accurately reflect SPA standards language. The Council also voted unanimously to make ED 754 a variable-credit course so that it fits in all four programs and to require concurrent registration in ED 695, *Practicum*. These are minor course modifications.

The group looked at clarifying catalog listings for the MSCI Math Specialist and Science Specialist programs. Not all courses required for the Math Specialist and Science Specialist endorsements were required (by the catalog) for the master's degree; electives and course choices were allowed in the degree. Candidates consistently want to get the degree and an endorsement simultaneously; so a change was needed. The Council approved unanimously a minor program modification for the MSCI Math Specialist program and for the MSCI Science Specialist program to remove electives and course choices, now requiring the degree-seeking candidate to fulfill all requirements also for the endorsement. ED 631, *Data Analysis and Probability*, will no longer be required, since it is not required in standards and the content is taught in another course, ED 741, *Historical Concepts of Mathematics*.

The Council approved unanimously for the MSCI Science Specialist program a minor course modification for ED 669, *Theory into Practice: Physical Science*, changing it to *Theory into Practice: Physical and Earth Science*. It will now combine earth science PEDAGOGY with physical science PEDAGOGY. This allowed the removal of ED 649, *Translating Theory into Practice: Earth and Space Science*. All courses for the Science Specialist endorsement are now required in the master's degree program.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held in late October 2009.

Submitted by Pat Simpson
October 3, 2009