Minutes
Black Hills State University
Teacher Education Advisory Council
Friday, October 16, 2009 – 11:00 a.m. – Jacket Legacy Room

Present: David Calhoon, Curtis Card, Richard Carriveau, Tim Creal, Nancy Hall, Tom Hills, Barry Jankord, Annette Johnson, Priscilla Romkema, Ron Rosenboom, Ben Sayler, Betsy Silva, and Lynn Switzer

Absent: James Heinert, Connie Pollard, and Joan Wink

Guests: Faye LaDuke-Pelster (Northern Hills PDS Coordinator), Melanie Hurley (Rapid City PDS Coordinator), and Patricia Simpson, COE Graduate Program Coordinator

N. Hall called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Advisory Council Objectives

For the new members information, N. Hall reviewed the purpose of the Teacher Education Advisory Council:

- Networking and collaboration among the College of Education and Advisory members
- Creating an awareness of BHSU initiatives and programs so Advisory members can serve as ambassadors for the COE
- Partner sharing: share one or two priority items (projects members are currently working on or current challenges members are facing)
- Offer advice and futuristic ideas regarding development of new programs at the graduate level

Welcome New Members

- Annette Johnson, retired Spearfish School District Physical Education Teacher
- Lynn Switzer, student representative
- Curtis Card, BHSU Mathematics Department Chair

Review and discussion of most recent assessment of Undergraduate and Graduate Student Learning

P. Simpson reported highlights of the 2007-08 Unit Assessment Report. She reported what the data indicates and how we are using or have used the data for program improvement.

N. Hall elicited additional suggestions from the group regarding:

- enhancing candidate preparation in the use of the latest technology
- use of assessments and analysis of gain scores
- effectiveness in working with diverse student populations

Update regarding the launch of the Elementary Professional Development School Program (PDS)

M. Hurley (Rapid City PDS Coordinator) and F. LaDuke-Pelster (Northern Hills PDS Coordinator) discussed the launch of the elementary PDS program.

1) Rapid City Sites:
    - Knollwood
    - South Park

- General Beadle
- Black Hawk

The topic of professional development is chosen by the school district, based upon their needs and goals, in addition to the PDS mission. Of the 15 Rapid City PDS interns from 2008-09, 15 have been hired in area schools, other states, and countries.

2) Northern Hills Sites:
    - Belle Fourche
    - Lead/Deadwood
    - Gillette

Interns may be part of a study looking at their ability to identify effective reading comprehension instruction , upon graduation from our PDS program.

Partner Sharing of Priority Issues

- T. Creal, Custer Schools Superintendent

1) RTI (Response to Intervention)
2) Improving math achievement
3) Replace existing buildings in Hermosa and elementary building in Custer

- B. Sayler, Center for the Advancement of Math and Science Education (CAMSE) Director

1) Hiring Director for Science Education Outreach at the SUSEL Lab
2) Refocus CAMSE mission after reorganization

- B. Jankord, Meadowlark School (Wyo) Principal

1) Implementing a science grant focused on English Language Learners (ELL)
2) Getting ready for PDS partnership by learning cognitive coaching

- B. Silva, PE/HLTH Division Chair

1) Beginning use of a new technology tool (HOPSport) in wellness classes/labs to supplement the ability to assist application for all student levels

- C. Card, Mathematics Department Chair

1) Working to reduce failure rate in development mathematics

- P. Romkema, College of Business and Technology Dean

1) New MBA program delivery in Rapid City, beginning Fall 2010
2) Accreditation preparation
3) Teaching faculty how to use case studies

- R. Rosenboom, Black Hills Special Services Cooperative Executive Director
    1) New Project Friendship that connects community members with disabled individuals in Sturgis
    2) Staffing for alternative schools with high-quality teachers

- T. Hills, Emeritus Professor and past legislator
  1) As a legislator, he worked to pass legislation to fund Box Elder Job Corps
  2) If early childhood experts want the State of South Dakota to develop standards, much work is left to be done to inform the public of the need

2008-09 COE Annual Report Highlights (handout provided)

- New faculty:
  1) K. Matthew (science education)
  2) S. Gaspar (part-time Rapid City Project SELECT instructor)
  3) M. Cooper (remedial reading)
  4) D. Koch (Pierre/Chamberlain Project SELECT director)

- Goals:
  1) Increase enrollment of non-traditional students in COE programs and support institutional efforts in recruiting traditional-age students

The growth of the teacher education enrollment since the first year of the COE strategic plan is 54% (growth is reflected primarily in the distance education enrollment figures).

  2) Enrich the qualifications and effectiveness of faculty

COE faculty presented at 23 national conferences and three international conferences. Additionally, seven grants were written and funded.

  3) Ensure future-focused and dynamic curriculum and instruction

The appraisal of the curriculum, instruction, and student performance by the clinical faculty, the candidates, and their employers remains with over 90% ratings in the highest category in seven of the ten INTASC standards.

  4) Build partnerships with the capacity to enhance academic excellence

The Young Center internship has added value to the interns' field experience, in addition to providing a personal trainer service to campus employees.

The highest priority goal for 2009-10 is to write and submit the NCATE Institutional Report on or before June 15, 2009.

Opportunities for Expanding BHSU Graduate Programs

Members provided input/recommendations to determine regional needs and interest for further expansion of BHSU graduate programs.

Future Meeting Topics

- Modifications for regular education teachers to meet RTI (Response to Intervention) guidelines (L. Pearce)
- Demonstration of students using HOPSport

Announcements

- Next meeting notification will be sent via email (frequency of meeting dates will be determined by BHSU administrators)

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Clarkson, Sr. Secretary
College of Education