College of Education News
November 2010

General Announcements

The next faculty meeting will be held in the library at 7:00 a.m. on November 17th. We will be hearing from Lee Pearce regarding RtI and Scott Ahola regarding library purchases. If you have additional agenda items, please pass them along.

Curriculum News

ELED 408: Planning, Managing, and Assessing the K-8 Diverse Classroom was moved out of the elementary methods block of classes before student teaching. Please advise students to take the class the semester before their block classes. The course will now be taken in conjunction with ELED 395 and EDFN 365.

MEd in Reading: A proposal has been submitted to the Board of Regents to add a new degree authorization in reading. If approved, the reading specialization on the MSCI will be phased out over a year's time and the first MEd cohort will begin in fall 2011. Thanks to Pat Simpson for all the background work on this project.

MAT in Secondary Education: A draft proposal to have authorization to plan an MAT in Secondary Education leading to initial teacher licensure is being worked on at the College level. Thanks to Diana Koch, David Calhoon, and Patty Dewey for background work on this project.

MSCI in Teacher Leadership: The Board of Regents and the SD Department of Education have been working with representatives from USD, SDSU, BHSU, and Northern to develop a unique master's degree for teacher leaders. More to come regarding this curriculum and its implications for the COE existing MSCI degree.

The **BOD POD** has arrived! The PE and Health Division has ordered a piece of equipment that will be used to measure body composition and enhance student learning in HLTH 425 Wellness Evaluation, in addition to an array of supporting courses.

Dakota ASSETS News

Patty Dewey and Nancy Whitcher are making visits in November to Newell, Faith, Takini, Dupree, Cheyenne Eagle Butte, Wall, Murdo-Jones Co, Lower Brule, Crow Creek, and Lyman Co. The Dakota ASSETS grant will pay a scholarship to BHSU candidates who are willing to student teach in these high needs schools and pay a signing bonus if they are willing to take a subsequent teaching position. Patty and Nancy will be assessing personnel needs of the schools, identifying high quality master teachers, and exploring partnership opportunities.

Black Hills State University is supporting the **Title II grant** titled *Enhancing Education through Technology*. Faculty attended training in May 2010 to develop greater instructional capacity for teaching students 21st Century skills. Classroom teachers are participating in the training this fall. An announcement will be made soon regarding the availability of training for our teacher education candidates in January 2011.Our grant partner is the Black Hills Special Services Cooperative.

University Center-Rapid City planning—The construction of the new University Center in Rapid City is on schedule for opening during spring semester 2011. The Rapid City section of the Elementary Block Classes will be held in the center beginning in fall 2011 and the Project SELECT classes will be held in the center beginning in spring 2011.
State-wide Academic Affairs topics—Dean Myers reviewed items from the Academic Affairs retreat. Those items included initiatives to 1) serve more adults through degree completion initiatives, 2) articulate dual credit with high schools, 3) increase retention rates, 3) increase the number of graduates by 411 per year, 4) review all academic programs for quality, responsiveness, and productivity, 5) increased the rigor of the tenure and promotion process, and 6) expand the use of technology to enhance learning.

SDACTE and Education Discipline Council News

Each semester the deans from all the Board of Regents Schools meet and at a subsequent meeting all the deans from all the BOR schools and the Tribal and Private schools meet to discuss state-wide policy issues. I have bulleted key issues being discussed:

- The **Education Discipline Council** completed a curriculum review of all common education courses. Through this process some courses were deleted and some course descriptions were changed. Thanks to all of your efforts, the BHSU curriculum is quite current so few changes were made that impact our majors. The EDC has agreed to continue their collaborative work in the recruitment of teacher education candidates in areas of content shortages.
- The **SDACTE** meeting focused on SD Department of Education news—Deb Barnett and Steve Feichtner reported on the following: 1) There are changes to the annual Title II report. We are now required to report our efforts and results in preparing teachers in content shortage areas such as mathematics, science, and special education. 2) Minnesota has chosen a teacher exit exam other than the PLT PRAXIS exam and this is causing difficulty for South Dakota graduates who have to take two exit licensing exams. 3) NCATE and TEAC accreditation organizations are combining into a new accreditation organization (CAEP). Institutions preparing for accreditation beyond 2011 will be phased into the new standards. 4) The National Teacher Performance Assessment (TPA) is being piloted in 20 states including Minnesota. This assessment is similar to the Teacher Work Sample that BHSU is currently using, yet is unique in that the instrument is customized for each content area (math, science, history) following SPA standards. Members received a sample of the math pilot instrument.

These are very brief summaries of direction-setting meetings. If anyone would like more details, please feel free to contact me.