The fifth meeting of the Council for Teacher Education for the 2003-2004 academic year was held Monday, January 12, 2004 at 3:15 p.m. in Speight 202. Members present: Vivian Covington (Chair), Jennifer Bonitz, Elizabeth Briggs, Carol Brown, Ann Bullock, Joe Ciechalski, Dana Espinosa, Linda High, Carolyn Ledford, Marcela Ruiz-Funes, Terry Senne, Ivan Wallace for Lilla Holsey, Scott Watson, Sarah Williams, and visitor Lynne Davis. Absent were Rick Barnes, Michael Brown, Melva Burke, Dawn Clark, Beckie Collins, Bill Grobe, Nanyoung Kim, Al Muller, Pitt County Representative, Ron Preston, Betty Smith, and Sandy Triebenbacher.

Order of Business

Agenda I - Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ciechalski and seconded by Briggs to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2003 meeting. Minutes were approved.

Agenda II – Announcements

The following announcements were made by the Chair.

Everyone was welcomed back to a new semester. Jennifer Bonitz, the new student representative was introduced.

The First Annual Clinical Teacher Conference, “Improving Education for Latino/Hispanic Students: Practices that are Working in North Carolina”, will be held Thursday, February 26 from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Greenville Hilton. This event for clinical teachers and faculty is sponsored by the Bryan Latham Endowment Fund in collaboration with the UNC Center for International Understanding. This free event includes lunch and CEU credits. Email Daphne Duncan at duncand@mail.ecu.edu to reserve a place. The deadline is February 16, 2004.

Concerns regarding changes in testing through State Board actions, “Teacher Reciprocity”, were sent to Kathy Sullivan at DPI. A copy of the response received from her was included in materials. Upon approval by the General Assembly, changes in testing noted in last month’s minutes would become effective July 1, 2004. As soon as DPI lets us know how these changes will affect spring graduates, information will be forwarded to departments.

The website for scholarship information is available at www.ncpublicschools.org/scholarships. Included in this site are the Prospective Teacher Scholarship and Teacher Assistant applications.

NCATE now has ten online training modules available on standards and procedures. The modules available at www.ncate.org should be helpful in understanding the NCATE standards and procedures.

Speech and Hearing screenings are scheduled January 26-29, 2004 at Belk Annex from 5-6 p.m. This screening is free. Students not attending on one of these days will need to contact the clinic at 328-4405 to schedule a special screening ($15 fee).

Wallace discussed a proposed test to be used for meeting the technology requirement for admission to teacher education. The International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) has selected the Internet and Computing Core Certification (IC³) for pilot testing. IC³ is an internationally benchmarked set of three assessments covering literacy and competency in computer hardware and software, word processing, spreadsheets, e-mail, etc. The College of Education is partnering with ISTE and IC³ to see if the test could be used as a valid assessment for beginning teacher education candidates.

The pilot is limited to 50 students. Students participating in the pilot and passing all three sections of the test will meet the technology competency requirement. There is no charge for the testing. The test is 2-3 hours and will be administered on 1/26, 9 a.m. or 2 p.m.; 1/27, 2 p.m., 1/28, 9 a.m. or 2 p.m. or 1/30, 9 a.m. Interested students should contact smithcyn@mail.ecu to register or call 328-6983.
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Agenda III - Old Business

Kitty Wetherington, in the Attorney’s Office has asked to see the INTASC dispositions, interview questions on Upper Division application and statements in the “Apple” book regarding legal issues and interns.

Agenda IV – New Business

L. Davis reported for the Dispositions and Professional Studies Committee.

**Graduate Studies Committee:** Carol Brown – Chair reported that the committee met and is discussing ways to refine the assessment plan for graduate programs.

**Portfolio Assessment Committee:** Terry Senne – Chair reported that the committee will meet January 26 to look at the assessment piece built into the portfolio to see if refinement is needed and revise the portfolio assessment sheet.

**Dispositions Committee:** L. Davis reported for Melve Burke – Chair. The Dispositions committee met and reviewed samples of dispositions from other universities and discussed ways to modify to meet our use.

**Professional Studies:** L. Davis reported for Rick Barnes – Chair. The committee met today and are reviewing our professional core across programs to see if it aligns with INTASC and to determine what evidence to use without PRAXIS tests.

The US Dept. of Education has authorized the Teacher Education Accreditation Council to accredit teacher education programs. The State Board of Education will decide next month whether to approve TEAC accreditation as an alternative to NCATE accreditation for approved teacher education programs in NC. TEAC is program specific versus NCATE which evaluates the unit.

Students wishing to use the PLATO software prior to taking PRAXIS I tests have to be referred by their advisor. Ellen Dobson in Speight 228, dobsone@mail.ecu, is the contact person.

Agenda V - Committee Reports:

**Curriculum:** Watson reported that the committee will meet January 26, 2004.

**Evaluation:** No report

**Policy:** No report

**Admission and Retention:** No report.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held February 2, 2004 at 3:15 in Speight 202. Please note the change in meeting date due to the AACTE meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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