

School of Arts and Sciences and School of Education  
Articulation Committee Meeting Minutes  
November 7, 2000

Attendance: DonnaJean Fredeen, Nancy Bihlmeyer, Steve Greengross, Bill Gustafson, Susan Hageman, Marty Hartog, Rod Lane, Kathy Mauro, Virginia Metaxas, Kate Reynolds, Lorrie Verplaetse, and Chuck Weider.

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. Rod Lane distributed the National Educational Technology Standards for Teachers publication. He reviewed the Table of Contents for the NCATE notebook handing out materials where necessary to bring all member notebooks up-to-date. Order to date: (1) Meeting Dates/Membership (2) Educator Preparation TO/NCATE Timeline (3) Agendas (4) Minutes (5) Preconditions from NCATE Handbook (6) Specialty Organizations/Timeframe (7) Electronic Documents Room (8) Student Teaching Report (detailed and informative) (9) Action Plan, Arts and Sciences & Education Collaboration (10) Title II Federal Report Cards for Teacher Preparation and Certification and two independent pages, (11) Praxis II Test Scores Report (12) Report response to visiting team (13) NCATE 2000 Unit Standards and (14) Unit Assessment Plan Draft. Future materials will be added.

At the previous meeting, Maureen Gilbride-Redman presented SCSU Praxis II results for 1997-1998 and 1998 –1999. Institutions will be rated on how well students do on Praxis II. The information will be published, and many institutions for secondary certification are moving to a policy where passing Praxis II becomes a condition prior to student teaching. If the student doesn't know the content area then he/she can't go out student teaching. Discussion held. The content area should cover material presented in the curriculum and what is taught in high school. Carefully read the handout on Title II Federal Report Cards for Teacher Preparation and Certification.

Discussion held on committee members taking the Praxis II exam as a group or have ETS conduct a workshop. Curriculum must cover what is expected in the content area. Rod Lane will talk to Southern's ETS coordinator to see what options, if any, there are. It was noted that 37 students passed Praxis II out of 66 before student teaching.

Discussion held on taking Praxis II before student teaching. Test is offered six times a year, September 23, 2000; November 18, 2000; January 20, 2001; March 10, 2001; April 21, 2001; and June 23, 2001. The January 23 placement letters for student teaching go out in October. Graduate students who have done their content area must have Praxis II and those students who have been out of school for more than five years must also pass Praxis II. Susan Hageman commented that only 23% finish Science in four years. Kathy Mauro explained that ETS sends SCSU a list of test takers for Praxis I and Praxis II, and SCSU is allowed to strike the student off the list if he/she is not a student here.

Passing Praxis I and Praxis II are recorded on the student transcript. SCSU is not going to have 100% passage rate if Praxis II is taken after student teaching. Requirements need to be established to insure 100% passage rate. Bill Gustafson said that the English student couldn't take Praxis II in the junior year since the content area is not fully covered yet. Passing Praxis II could be required before taking the seminar or passing the test before passing the seminar. Chuck Weider added that Art Education does not have a seminar and, therefore, no grade. The student wouldn't have all subject matter in hand prior to student teaching. The undergraduate and graduate catalogs must reflect any changes made in School of Education teacher preparation admittance policy.

Concerning the Unit Assessment Plan Draft (14), the 2.7 QPA waiver policy was discussed. For a 2.6 QPR, one specified SCSU course with a grade of B or higher; for a QPR of 2.5, two specified SCSU courses with a grade of B or higher. Susan Hageman commented that the School of Education waiver committee recently met and went through the policy.

Rod Lane reminded the members to be looking at things in terms of sails:

Scholarship  
Attitude  
Integrity  
Leadership  
Service

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Nancy Bihlmeyer  
Recorder