

**School of Arts and Sciences and School of Education
Articulation Committee Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2001**

Present: Nancy Bihlmeyer, Susan Cusato, Chris Dean, Jim Granfield, Steve Greengross, Bill Gustafson, F. E. Lowe, Kathy Mauro, Jon Purmont, Bill Sherman, Lorrie Verplaetse, and Chuck Wieder.

1. Minutes of the November 6, 2001, meeting were reviewed and accepted.

2. NCATE Program Alignment.

A university assistant is working with Steve Greengross on the preconditions report and web page. All of the specialty reports will be in hard copy since not all reviewers have access to the web. Chris Dean, Marty Hartog, Jim Granfield, Sue Cusato and Steve Greengross will set up an ad hoc meeting on electronic portfolios. It was suggested that the articulation committee view the NCATE.org web site for good information.

3. Catalog Changes. Jim Granfield worked on the revisions to the graduate catalog admission to teacher certification programs and sent changes to Sue Hageman and Kathy Mauro for review. The committee went over changes and discussed future regulations related to course work, i.e., world language, foreign language, and physical education. The statement of developing a student portfolio will be included in the catalog.

Praxis I – Computer-Based Test (CBT) is being eliminated and Praxis I – Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) will replace it beginning January 2002. The PPST assesses the same basic skills in math, reading and writing but it is a pencil and paper test and offered six times a year at designated sites throughout Connecticut. Candidates can register for the test online at the ETS Website or by mail using the Praxis Series Registration Bulletin. Another option for taking the PPST is to take it on a computer available at three Sylvan Learning sites: Glastonbury, Hamden and Norwalk. People with disabilities will be given extra time for testing with appropriate documentation.

The usage of Durational Shortage Area Permits (DSAP) by school districts is increasing. The student must be in a planned program before the certification officer signs off on the form. Also, the student must register for EDU 999 while working under the first year DSAP. This completed form allows the student to be hired by the school district before completion of certification requirements. The state requires the student to pass Praxis II during the first year he/she is working under a DSAP.

4. Topics. New Haven, Hartford and Bridgeport school districts are becoming involved with the alternate route to certification because of the teacher shortage. This would make more candidates available for hiring in the urban cities.

Jim Granfield handed out a AACTE newsletter concerning a controversial report released by the Education Leaders Council concerning traditional teacher preparation deficiencies.

5. Other Business. Kathy Mauro announced that the CT State Department of Education is coming to Southern, Davis 101, on December 12, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., and speak to students and faculty about teacher certification forms and procedures.

6. Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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