

**School of Arts and Sciences and School of Education  
Articulation Committee Meeting Minutes**

**December 18, 2001**

**Present:** Nancy Bihlmeyer, Susan Cusato, Jim Granfield, Steve Greengross, Bill Gustafson, Rod Lane, Kathy Mauro, Bill Sherman, Lorrie Verplaetse, and Chuck Wieder.

1. Minutes of the December 4, 2001, meeting were reviewed and accepted.
2. **NCATE**. The Preconditions Report for the School of Education is up on the web page. Check it out at [www.southernct.edu/projects/ncate](http://www.southernct.edu/projects/ncate). Steve Greengross invites comments and suggestions.
3. **Praxis Testing**. Effective December 31, 2001, ETS is eliminating the CBT Praxis I and substituting Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST)-Praxis I. This is a paper and pencil test offered six times a year. Registration can be online at [www.teachingandlearning.org](http://www.teachingandlearning.org) or by mail using the Praxis Series Registration Bulletin. There are NO standbys. There is also another option for Praxis I-PPST. The test can be taken on a computer, and there are three testing sites in Connecticut: Glastonbury 860-659-0400; Hamden 203-287-9677; and Norwalk 203-847-0031. Call the site to schedule the testing. Previous PPST scores are acceptable.

Effective November 23, 2001, the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI), Spanish, replaces Praxis II-Spanish (#10191 and #20192) tests. Call (914) 848-5100 or online at [www.languageTesting.com](http://www.languageTesting.com) to register.

4. **Topics**: Steve Greengross suggested that the committee membership expand to include more School of Education faculty, student and community representation. The Center for School Action Research (CSAR) has focus groups from the community to assist in policy making and curriculum development. Rod Lane stated that the School of Education has to define what is expected and what our product is. Mandated courses, such as Health, will be totally consistent. To help students appreciate the field of science, Jim Dolan runs a hands-on physics course. Students enjoy his classes.

ASCD's 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Exhibit Show will be March 9-11, 2002 in San Antonio, Texas. Jim Granfield is planning to attend.

The Academic Strategic Planning Committee focuses on academic planning and university enrollment. Communication is essential, and the Honors College successfully reaches out.

Student teaching cooperating teachers receive \$150 a semester for taking a student teacher. The State conducts training for the BEST program.

Lorrie Verplaetse announced that April 3, 2002, is the State Department of Education site visit to review the bilingual education program.

The next articulation meeting is February 5, 2002.

5. The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

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