

**School of Arts and Sciences and School of Education
Articulation Committee Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2001**

Present: Nancy Bihlmeyer, Susan Cusato, Jim Granfield, Bill Gustafson, Marty Hartog, Rod Lane, Kathy Mauro, Jon Purmont, Lorrie Verplaetse, and Chuck Wieder.

1. Minutes of the November 20, 2001, meeting were reviewed and accepted.
2. NCATE. Rod Lane handed out the list of nine NCATE preconditions before the university can become an official candidate for accreditation and before an on-site review can be scheduled. Each of the preconditions requires the submission of one or more items of documentation.

Praxis I: Effective December 31, 2001, the Educational Testing Service (ETS) is eliminating the Praxis I, Computer-Based Test (CBT). The Praxis I – Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) will replace the Praxis I – CBT. The PPST assesses the same basic skills in math, reading and writing but it differs in that it is a pencil and paper test. It is offered six times a year at sites throughout Connecticut. Candidates can register online at the ETS Website, www.teachingandlearning.org or by mail using the Praxis Registration Bulletin. Another option is taking the PPST on a computer available at three sites: Glastonbury (860) 659-0400, Hamden (203) 287-9677, and Norwalk (203) 847-0031.

Praxis II: Professors Wieder, Hartog, and Gustafson took Praxis II and commented on their experiences. Dr. Wieder felt the art tests were thoughtful but more time should be allowed for organizing thoughts on cultural aspect of arts. Dr. Hartog felt students should prepare for the test by including review of lower level math. Praxis II is a multiple choice test, and Southern's program is more demanding. Dr. Gustafson felt Praxis II is aligned with the English curriculum. Poetry was overemphasized on the test, and some student couldn't finish in the time allotted.

Kathy Mauro reported that SCSU had 333 program completers with 326 people having registered for Praxis II. In order for a subject area to be graded, at least 10 must take the test. Spanish testing is no longer part of Praxis II. Spanish Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) and Sprint Writing Proficiency Test (WPT) will be administered by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) effective February 1, 2002.

3. Electronic Portfolio's. The sub committee met and included Sue Cusato, Marty Hartog, Jim Granfield and Steve Greengross. Portfolio's serve as on-going evaluations monitoring progress made. Using Web CT as a vehicle, Southern would have all syllabi, faculty vitae, and suggested references and video tapes on the web.
4. Grant Up-Date. Lorrie Verplaetse is working hard on Bilingual Grants setting up accounts and finding personnel. Jim Granfield is attending a conference in San Antonio, Texas, on his Unification Grant and Sue Cusato will travel in January to a conference.
5. Teacher Shortages. There is an increase in the number of Durational Shortage Area Permits (DSAP) being requested by school districts and issued by the State. Students applying for DSAP's must be enrolled in a planned program at Southern, have passed Praxis I, and registered for EDU 999 before Kathy Mauro, Certification Officer, signs off on Part VIII of the DSAP form. Rod Lane noted that Commissioner Sergi recognizes Kathy Mauro as an expert on DSAP's.
6. The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Nancy Bihlmeyer
Recorder