

**Central Washington University School Psychology Professional  
Education Advisory Board  
Minutes for March 30, 2007**

Members Present: Cindy Jacobsen, Gene Johnson, Keith Mars, Al Albertson, Tammie Jensen-Tabor, and Joan Jensen.

- I. **Professional Certificate:** Keith gave the members a copy of the process for obtaining the professional certification for all ESAs, which he obtained from a state ESA certification meeting. Keith is concerned with the differences between different ESAs that are not accounted for by this document. At the ESA certification meeting, there were questions as to whether all the benchmarks need to be met, and this PEAB feels that the benchmarks will all need to be demonstrated competencies by school psychology candidates.
  - A. **The entry seminar** was discussed with regard as to whether it would be an orientation as well as an assessment of benchmarks needed for each candidate, with a handbook given out. This handbook would explain the overall process (for ESAs), then individual handbooks for each different ESA group would be provided. With regard to school psychology, our goal is to have as much consistency (within state programs) as is possible. Gene may be attempting to set up an all-PEAB meeting to discuss how this would look. Gene suggested that the entry seminar include a written test to determine whether a candidate met expectations. Alternatives discussed included performance-based assessments, test questions, letters from supervisors, and information in portfolios. The outcome of the entry seminar would be the professional growth plan.
  - B. **The two-year experience requirement** was discussed and the fact that this requirement is not actually in the WAC. However, the benchmarks are in the WAC and the ESA groups will need to recommend that the candidates must meet all the benchmarks. The framework was presented to the State Professional Standards Board.
  - C. **The professional growth team** has been agreed upon. The professional colleague requirement could be met by a PEAB member. The University liaison could also be a PEAB member for which they would receive remuneration. The district representative could be a colleague or a supervisor. The "Core" may provide a mentor, suggested coursework, and/or experiences, and/or support for the development of the PGP.
- II. **Potential Changes in our Current System:** The PEAB recommended that the portfolio requirements be aligned with the benchmarks for the residency certificate that are included in WAC. Gene agreed. He will change the intern evaluation to match the benchmarks as well.
  - A. Keith proposed that current candidates with an initial certification would have to meet the new standards for the next year to get their continuing certification. This may be used as a pilot for the new process. Keith suggested that the candidates be asked to bring any kind of evidence that

they have collected to the Entry Seminar, with completed portfolio brought to the Culminating Seminar (i.e. our May or June meeting).

- B. In line with this, Gene handed out the portfolio guidelines that are required of his students who are graduating. Gene also handed out his internship evaluation form. It was hoped that these two documents might provide further information to help with the collection of evidence for the certification standards. It was agreed that Gene would take his Portfolio requirements and integrate them into the proposed activities for professional certification under the appropriate bullets. Keith asked Gene to have his students bring their portfolio evaluation.
- C. So for the fall Keith will send the candidates the professional standards ahead of time.
- D. After significant and **heated** discussion regarding the potential exclusion of candidates who might not want to go through this elaborate process, it was decided that the PEAB members were not ready to adopt the new process, but we might be able to change the requirements to include the new standards, as opposed to the old nine roles. So please disregard sections IIA and IIC of these minutes.

The next meetings will be held:

**May 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 in Ellensburg**

**June 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 in Franklin Pierce**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Cindy Jacobsen, secretary**