

CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD
TEACHER EDUCATION
MINUTES
March 10, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Asmussen, Terri Bawden, Tobi Beehler, Joel Hollingsworth, Connie Lambert, Tammie Lenz, Rebecca Scholl, David Shorr, Carolyn Stella, Shari Stoddard, Lael Wright

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Depaepe, Ken Wilson

GUEST: Don Black and Steve Schmitz

MEETING CONVENED: The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM

- I. The minutes from the December 2, 2005 meeting were adopted as submitted. David Shorr expressed his opposition to the CTL Policy Change in the minutes requiring successful completion of the WEST-E prior to student teaching.
- II. Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was approved as proposed.
- III. Reports
 - A. Professional Certificate Update: (Narrative provided)

Steve Schmitz, Coordinator of the Professional Certification Program, reported that OSPI had been invited to do a pre-review of the program last fall in order to better prepare for the 2007 NCATE Site Review. The CWU program received one Target, one unacceptable, and the rest acceptable ratings. Although we thought this was a practice Site Visit, it was deemed an official visit and the results were reported to the Professional Educators Standard Board. We were able to submit proof of meeting Standard V, but did not have reflections. The next Site Visit will now be Fall, 2008.

CWU is increasing the number of National Board Certified Teachers to instruct the ProCert, with two added at the Des Moines Center. By this summer there will have been over 300 teacher candidates through the program. Completion continues to be a challenge. The electronic portfolio should help in this matter. Of the 289 teacher candidates in the program, 69 are also earning a Master's Degree.
 - B. National Board Certification (Narrative provided)

Steve Schmitz also reported that the 18 candidates for National Board Certified Teacher are progressing towards their goals. A celebration dinner is planned for June 2, 2006.

We are waiting to hear of the candidates who have selected CWU to facilitate their National Board Certified Teacher quest for the 2006-2007 academic year. An orientation for them is planned for July 8, 2006.

There was then a discussion of the benefits of being a National Board Certified Teacher. It can mean up to a \$3,500 per year bonus for a teacher for 10 years. If a teacher is not National Board Certified he/she must meet the clock hours requirements for the state. It was pointed out that classes for the ProCert Program can be included for a Master's Degree as long as they meet the regulations of the Office of Graduate Studies and Research.

C. NCATE/OSPI Site Visit – both scheduled for Spring 2007 (Update)

CWU will be requesting the NCATE/OSPI Site Visit for April, 2007. We are waiting for confirmation from OSPI to submit the form to NCATE. Connie Lambert informed the PEAB that Jim DePaepe has resigned as the NCATE Coordinator and Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning. He will be taking on more duties in assessing and evaluating school districts in their work with grants. Lael Wright asked that a letter of thank you for all his work be sent to Jim.

- NCATE Consultant Report

Connie Lambert reported that a potential NCATE Consultant has met with administration and faculty and submitted a report. One of the recommendations made was for more rotation in the make up of the membership of the PEAB (Teacher Education). Several recommendations for how to make the change and yet maintain consistency were made. It was also discussed that we need more diversity on the PEAB. A motion was made and passed that Connie Lambert form a committee with two other members and devise a schedule to seek new members to accomplish the two goals.

D. WA Award of Excellence in Teaching

After a discussion of the suggested candidates, it was decided that Connie Lambert will send emails to the College Deans and Department Chairs requesting nominations in lieu of selecting from the names recommended. The nominations and justifications are needed by April 15, 2006 to allow time for CTL members to vote and arrangements made for the awards.

IV. PEAB Mission

A. **#3 Unit governance & resources** (June 2006)

B. **5 Year Review:** Recent professional developments that may impact programs (June, with Unit Governance & Resources).

C. **#6 Field Experience**

Don Black reported on Field Experience at CWU. A narrative that included a table of Field Experience participant statistics since the 2000-2001 academic year, information on experiences with diverse populations, the requirements for student teaching, and a listing of courses with significant or imbedded field experience was reviewed. Don stated that we are currently seeking adjuncts for the West Side. There were questions about the possible correlation between the number of students participating in Pre-Autumn and student teaching candidates.

With more institutions having student teaching candidates there are fewer students per ESD placed by CWU. Spring Quarter it is especially difficult to place someone in the 4th grade. A discussion was held about the preparation of students for working with diverse school populations from both the socio-economic and academic abilities points of view.

Connie Lambert reviewed the Educational Benchmark Inventory (EBI) data. The question was raised as to the significance of the differences in scores given that the number of respondents is so low. One of the factors for the low number of surveys returned is that first year teachers can receive approximately five surveys from the University, State, EBI, and other entities within a month's time.

D. Program Review:

History & Social Science (Steve Moore)

Steve Moore, Program Coordinator for History and Social Science presented information on the status of the programs for the NCATE Site Visit next April. He has been at CWU for two years and had been involved in an NCATE Site Visit at Ohio prior to that. Steve developed the capstones for assessment to be used in LiveText. He has already been able to determine some revisions to make in the model for Spring Quarter 2006. There is almost a year's worth of data collected and he can see some program changes that may be needed, especially in the areas of civics and economics. It has also been brought to his attention that the name of the program, History: Teaching Broad Area Major, can have an adverse effect on jobs available to graduates since it has been interpreted to mean that they teach only history.

Steve then answered questions from the PEAB members. Currently there are 70 History and 6 Social Science students with declared majors. The number of seems to be consistent over the years. There is no data available from the History Department for placement rates. One of the challenges is to teach how to select the information from all the detail to be taught in K-12 classroom. The detail comes from history, economics, civics, and geography. The methodology class, HIST 421 includes developing a 2-3 week lesson plan for all the areas of study. He would like to see a course in economics that is geared toward education majors rather than the standard class for economics, business, and accounting majors. In response to his students' wide use of the Internet for research, Steve has his students provide a 6-8 sentence annotation as to why the site is a valid source.

June – Art (Shari Stoddard)

V. Top Ten Student Teachers

Letters have been sent out at the end of each quarter requesting nominations for the Top Ten Student Teachers award. Letters for Spring Quarter 2006 student teachers will be sent the first of May. Nominations include letters of recommendation and forms from the classroom teachers.

May 2006 – Committee Review

The committee will read, rank, discuss, and select the recipients between the 15th and 20th of May. In addition to the nomination forms and letters of recommendation, GPA is also part of the criteria.

June 9th, 2006 – Recognition Reception, 4:00-5:00 PM

The Recognition Reception will be held in the New SUB Building, rooms 137 A & B. Washington's 2005 Professor of the Year Bruce Palmquist will be asked to be the speaker.

VII. **Next Meeting** -- June 9th, 12:30 – 3:30 PM

VIII. Other

Carolyn Stella discussed the new Skills Center in Yakima. It will be the first of the design/build projects for K-12.