

CWU SCHOOL COUNSELOR PEAB

Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2003

Meeting Location: CWU Psychology Building, Room 220

Members Attending:

Francisca Beyrouy	WEA
Jennifer Brownlow	WSCA
Ronda Herring	WSCA
Ray Howard	WSCA
Susan Lonborg	CWU
Randy Town	WASA
Norm Walker	WSCA

Guests Attending:

Andrew Downs, Assistant Professor, CWU Department of Psychology
Jeff Penick, Assistant Professor, CWU Department of Psychology
Terry Schwartz, Associate Professor, CWU Department of Psychology
Warren Street, Professor and Chair, CWU Department of Psychology

1. Informal networking. PEAB members engaged in informal networking from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m.
2. Introductions and visits with CWU program faculty. PEAB members and CWU program faculty introduced themselves; each individual talked about his or her professional interests and current professional activities.
3. Announcements.
 - a. November 7, 2003: ESD 105 sponsoring a speaker on tobacco-related interventions
 - b. ESD 105 also working to put together a presentation on legal issues such as HIPAA and FERPA
4. University administrator report.
 - a. Susan Lonborg reported that the department chair had decided to separate administrative responsibilities for the mental health and school counseling programs. Susan Lonborg will serve as director of the school counseling program, whereas Jeff Penick will continue to serve as director of the mental health counseling program.
 - b. Susan Lonborg reported an increase in graduate student enrollment in the school counseling program this year.
 - c. PEAB members discussed options for recruiting new board members. The board agreed to invite Renee Goodman (Valley View Elementary, Ellensburg) to serve as the AWSP representative. Randy Town agreed to contact Ms. Goodman on behalf of the PEAB.
 - d. Susan Lonborg identified at least two specific PEAB tasks for 2003-2004:
 - 1) Review Program Approval Standard 1 (PEAB); and
 - 2) Review proposed changes to the CWU school counselor training program curriculum. The board agreed to begin a preliminary discussion of changes later in this meeting.
5. Budget report. Susan Lonborg reported an end-of-year balance of \$80.77 for 2002-2003. OSPI has granted the PEAB a \$250.00 for 2003-2004, bringing this year's budget balance to \$330.77.

6. Peer review course. Susan Lonborg indicated that there have been a number of requests for CWU to offer the peer review course for ESA school counselor continuing certification. The board discussed a variety of options for course delivery; the general recommendation was to offer two separate 1-credit courses. The first course would provide the required 10 hours of training related to child abuse; the second course would provide opportunities for peer review. Susan Lonborg agreed to explore the feasibility of making this revision to the existing 3-credit course.
7. School counselor program website. Susan Lonborg reported that the school counselor training program website will be undergoing revisions in the next few months. Board members discussed recommended content additions to the website, including information about: (a) continuing certification; (b) fingerprinting and background checks; (c) school safety and school crisis intervention; the new American School Counselor Association "national model" for school counseling.
8. School counseling curriculum proposal. PEAB members reviewed a written summary of proposed changes to the CWU school counselor training program. Susan Lonborg indicated that the counseling program faculty had approved these changes at a June retreat, but needed PEAB input prior to submitting the proposal to the Psychology Department faculty. The proposed changes are designed to address weaknesses in the current training program as identified by program graduates and the PEAB. The proposed changes include: (a) eliminate PSY 501 (The School Psychologist and School Counselor); (b) eliminate PSY 585 (Counseling Assessment Techniques); (c) eliminate PSY 593.D (Advanced Practicum II); (d) eliminate PSY 700 (Thesis) and replace it with a thesis option; (e) decrease PSY 684.2 (School Counseling Internship) credit hours from 15 to 12; (f) increase PSY 567 (Counseling Strategies with Children and Adolescents) from 3 to 5 credit hours so that assessment methods can be incorporated directly into this course; (g) increase PSY 593.B and PSY 593.C (counseling practica) from 3 to 4 credit hours to reflect more accurately the student and faculty workload; (h) increase PSY 573 (Career Development) from 3 to 4 credit hours; (i) Add PSY 599.1 (Professional Issues) and use the increase in credits hours (from 3 to 4) to incorporate school counseling-related legal and ethical issues; (j) add PSY 588 (Applied Physiological Psychology); (k) add new 2-credit first-year proseminar course introducing students to the school counseling profession; and (l) add new second-year 4-credit course on designing, implementing and evaluating comprehensive school counseling programs.

Board members discussed content areas to include in the new school counseling proseminar and second-year course in administering school counseling programs. Suggestions for the first-year proseminar course included: (a) role of the school counselor; (b) testing issues; (c) differences between elementary, middle, and high school counseling; (d) working with students and families; (e) collaborating with other agencies; (f) characteristics of high-performing schools; and (g) a job-shadow component whereby students have contact with practicing school counselors.

Specific suggestions for the second-year course included: (a) managing developmental guidance and counseling programs; (b) school safety and school crisis intervention; (c) school politics; (d) interdisciplinary programs; and (e) consultation.

In addition, Board members suggested that PSY 599.1 (Professional Issues) should address the ways in which confidentiality issues are different in school settings (i.e., FERPA) and mental health counseling (i.e., WACs). In addition, PEAB members recommended that both the school and mental health counseling students learn more about special education law and 504 plans.

Randy Town moved to approve the proposed changes for submission to and review by the appropriate university committees; Norm Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed.

9. New business. Norm Walker mentioned that the statewide task force on the new ESA school counselor standards would be meeting again on December 5, 2003. No new information has been distributed since the last PEAB meeting in May.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.