

**Committee on Teacher Education – IUPUI
Minutes – October 9, 2012**

Attending: Kathleen Marrs, Ann Ociepka, Ann Wells, Jeff Watt, Jenny Connor, Cathy Brown (guest), Marta Anton, Brian Plankis, Craig Willey, Annela Teemant, Joy Seybold, Erik Tillema, Marta Morita, Kathy, Cindy Borgmann, Mark Urtel, and Kathleen King Thorius Linda Houser – ex-officio

The meeting was called to order by Linda Houser, chair, and each member present was introduced. The following programs were presented for approval:

IUPUI

Spanish Education – Proposed changes were presented and explained by Joy Seybold, secondary chair and Marta Anton, Spanish Department. The program was developed in conjunction with the Spanish Department. The program has been restructured to better prepare graduates to pass the PRAXIS II test. A motion to approve the programmatic changes was made by Kathleen King Thorius and seconded by Annela Teemant. The motion was passed.

Social Studies Education – The IUPUI secondary Social Studies program has been modified to meet the 120-hour requirement. Under the English Core, COMM R110 has been eliminated. The rationale shared for this decision was that education students have many opportunities to practice their verbal skills during the program and data from the Benchmark I assessment do not support that verbal skills are a concern for education students. A motion to approve the programmatic changes was made by Ann Ociepka and seconded by Annela Teemant. The motion was passed. One minor error in the advising sheet was noted. Under Social Science it should say “two” instead of “three courses. The change will be made to the advising sheet prior to moving it forward to Policy Council.

English Education – The IUPUI secondary English Education program has been modified to meet the 120-hour requirement. A new category of “Communication Core” has been created, some offerings modified, EDUC E201 taken out of the “Education Core,” and “Comparative World Cultures” collapsed into “Social Sciences” with the total number of hours reduced from 9 to 6. A motion to approve the programmatic changes was made by Jeff Watt and seconded by Craig Willey. The motion was passed.

On votes for the secondary programs, there was one opposing vote. Jeff Watt felt the number of student teaching credit hours should be reduced in lieu of the changes proposed. Also Marta Morita and Jeff suggested that foreign language be included as an option under Humanities electives.

Elementary Education – The IUPUI elementary faculty voted to eliminate COMM R110 under Language Arts. The rationale was the same as for Social Studies Education. They also voted to

reduce the number of Fine Arts hours from 6 to 3. The motion to approve the programmatic changes was made by Jeff Watt and seconded by Brian Plankis. The motion was passed.

Middle School Licensure Concentrations for Elementary Majors – The IUPUI faculty presented middle school concentration for elementary majors for language arts, math and science. The faculty want to offer these programs as concentration options which will allow elementary major to add a middle school area to their license. The programs will be restructured once the new Pearson content tests are in place. The motion to approve the programmatic change was made by Annela Teemant and seconded by Jeff Watt.

Columbus

Elementary – The Columbus faculty approved changes to the elementary program which included offering six areas of concentration options for elementary majors. Four of the options would prepare students to take a middle school test and have the state add a middle school content area to their elementary license. Since the Columbus campus is not approved for middle schools programs, the unit would not be able to make the licensure recommendation. A question was raised if all the courses in the concentrations had been approved for the Columbus campus. Kathy Brown indicated they had.

There was discussion about the make-up of the mathematics concentration. It was also decided The motion to approve the changes was made by Annela Teemant and seconded by Cindy Borgmann. The motion was passed.

Because of the amount of time involved in discussions about the program changes, the committee did not have time to address the discussions items on the agenda. They will be moved forward to the agenda for the next meeting.

Comments sent to the COTE chair from members who could not attend were forwarded to the appropriate program chair.

The meeting was adjourned by Linda Houser.