
Excused: LaRae Larkin, Jeff Stokes

Chaired by: Adam Johnston          Recorded by: Michelle Nimer

1) Approval of September 14, 2011 minutes
Minutes were unanimously approved.

2) Art 3525 Course Proposal – K Stevenson
The Arts Bridge program is a new initiative at WSU. Several other Utah IHE’s have the program. The Art department is going to move towards an Endowed Chair for the program, but need to have the curriculum and program in place first. Fine arts ed candidates will have a practicum before student teaching with a faculty mentor, arts bridge mentor, and the cooperating teacher. This allows for either a very structured or a student driven curriculum. There is a strong service learning component which has not been available before.

Geri moved and Dixie seconded the motion to approve the course proposal, the committee voted unanimously to approve.

Assessment Committee Meeting

3) Utah Effective Teaching Standards & Student Teaching Assessments – Michelle N.
The State has finally approved the new teaching standards. They are working on a rubric for evaluating each of the areas at various levels. We were hoping this would be ready for us to begin working on the redesign of our student teaching assessments today, but they have not completed it yet. So we will continue to use the assessments we currently have through the end of the 2011-12 academic year. We will plan two working session late spring to draft assessments for fall 2012. Michelle passed out copies of the standards and indicators from the UEN website.

4) Praxis Testing updates – Michelle Nimer
There is a newly updated all the praxis testing information on the website. Students should be directed to the Teacher Education Website where we have a link to the testing requirements under helpful links. On this page you will find the pdf with all the required tests. We are expecting more computer based tests to come online during the next two years. There are also several exams which are set to be regenerated, which means a new number and cut score. Michelle will be preparing another praxis data pull out of the
database in January to send to each department representative with your related test scores, including sub scores so you can review them with your department faculty. She will also include a copy of the test sub category information to help interpret the scores.

Next Meeting January 11, 2012