

Minutes: CLSE meeting – April 3, 2013

Members attending: Bill Agnew, Leslie Anderson, Paul Ajuwon, Paul Blisard, Gilbert Brown, Paris DePaepe, Marci Dowdy, Karla Eslinger, Kim Finch, Tamara Flores, Joseph Hulgus, Linda Garrison-Kane, Cindy MacGregor, Mary Maloney, Jim Matthews, Belinda McCarthy, Gerry Moseman, Kristi Perryman, Linda Robbins, Ian Shadrick, and Robert Watson

Members absent: Tamara Arthaud, Jef Cornelius-White, and Robin Farris.

Minutes by Judy Campbell.

1. A wonderful lunch (potluck) was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Dr. Gilbert Brown, in Dr. Arthaud's absence, called the meeting to order.

Approval of minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2013 meeting.
Motion carried.

Recent Publications:

Dr. Paul Ajuwon has had the following publications published:

Ajuwon, P. M., Laman, E., & Earle, J. C. (2014). *Preservice teachers' attitudes toward inclusive education policy in the United States*. *Journal of the American Academy of Special Education Professionals*. Scheduled for publication on Feb. 15th, 2014. Accepted January 10, 2013.

Wolffe, K. E., Ajuwon, P. M., & Kelly, S. M. (2013). A Quantitative Analysis of the Work Experiences of Adults with Visual Impairments in Nigeria. *Journal of Visual Impairment & Blindness*. NY, NY. Scheduled for publication in Sept./Oct., 2013. Accepted February 26, 2013.

Ajuwon, P. M. & Bieber, R. (2013). Vision impairment and quality of life: Issues from around the world. In: *Brown, R. I. & Faragher, R. (Eds.): Challenges for quality of life: Applications in education and other social contexts*. Nova Science. Scheduled for publication in November, 2013. Accepted March 20, 2013.

Old Business – Information Items

1. Kim Finch announced that there were still funds available in the Library fund to purchase books, periodicals, etc. and asked faculty to send their requests to her asap.

2. Faculty were reminded that all syllabi (100%) are to be updated to meet the MoSPE guidelines for the Spring, Summer and Fall 2013 semesters. It was reported that the syllabi for COU, VI and SPE have met this criteria.

New Business – Information Items

1. Faculty were advised of a workshop for Faculty: Supporting Students with ASD in your Classroom will be held on April 3 from 3:30-5 pm in Strong Hall Basement Room 1. The workshop, supported by the Provost Office, is voluntary and is to provide an overview of Autism.
2. The First unit-wide Data Day will be held on April 26th at 10 am in Glass Hall 345. All program coordinators or their representative will need to attend.

Discussion Items –

1. Graduate assistantships

At this time the department has been awarded two graduate assistantships for the summer. In order to maintain the support we have had in the past the department will fund a third GA so that there will be one to help cover the Center City Counseling Clinic. One will be assigned to special ed faculty and one to share between counseling and educational administration.

2. Promotion/Tenure calendar for 2014.

Any faculty member who is interested in applying for promotion/tenure need to contact Dr. Arthaud.

3. Sabbatical Proposals

Any faculty member wishing to apply for a sabbatical leave for the 2014-2015 academic year will need to apply by November 1, 2013.

4. Interdisciplinary Certificate in American Education

The administration is proposing to create and offer an Interdisciplinary Certificate in American Education. There have been meetings regarding the creation of such a certificate and how it would evolve. Discussion followed with the faculty raising concerns in regard to resources, roles certain individuals would play, and additional support for academic excellence, etc. It was agreed that the faculty might want to explore the certificate, but have an adhoc committee created to explore the idea further. Faculty were encouraged to read the Dean's Blog, which explains the process further.

Action Items –

1. Compensation Committee membership-

Dr. Watson would like to continue on the compensation committee. COU faculty will have to check with Dr. Cornelius-White to see if he will remain or have someone else serve. Counseling faculty will meet and discuss the representation and if need be selected another member to serve on the committee.

2. Program/Course changes

The counseling program is putting forth two proposals to change the two following programs. Both changes are the result of trying to align with CACREP accreditation.

- Master of Science – Counseling—Mental Health
To increase the total hours of the program from 54 to 60 hours.
- Master of Science – Counseling
Portfolio Requirement will be advisor approved and listed as a graduate requirement instead of a course requirement.

There was a motion and second to approve the program changes.

Committee Reports

1. COE Budget Committee

The committee is still dealing with the concern of the financial support for the two new proposed programs, Master of Science, Teaching and Learning and Specialist in Education, Teacher Leadership. There is concern regarding the passing of the two programs when existing programs are lacking in funding. Faculty were encouraged to attend the PEC, Graduate Council and Faculty Senate meetings and express their concern with these two proposals.

2. Faculty Senate

Faculty will be asked to vote on constitutional changes and by-law changes. Senate members are still working on the policy to allow instructors and clinical instructors to serve on committees. The Senate is also working on a Change in the External Review Process, and a monumental pile of curricular proposals will be going forward.

3. Graduate Council

Will be proposing a new customized graduate degree that will run through the Graduate College.

4. College Council

Denise Cunningham will start serving on the Graduate Council

5. BSED

Dr. DePaepe's term will end this month with Dr. Ajuwon replacing her on the BSEd committee.

6. PEC

Will be meeting on Tuesday, April 9 and will be considering curricular proposal submitted by Counseling and EAD.

7. COE Faculty Advisory Committee –

Last year the committee was working on compensation/released time for coordinators. The proposal was brought back to the table with it being proposed that coordinators would receive either released time or compensation for their coordinator duties. Faculty with a master's degree could receive (per semester) \$2445 for 3 hrs of released time; faculty with specialist degree \$2595 and faculty with doctorate degree \$2745.

The committee is also in the process of having the handbook put online with the expectation of reducing the number of pages.

8. Other –

- It was announced that the week of April 8-12 will be Public Affairs Week. Several keynote speakers have been invited to campus. Everyone is welcome to attend each presentation.
- Dave Lenox, an MSU alum and Director of Special Olympics, will be on campus on April 11 in Karls Hall Room 102 from 3:30-4:30 pm. He will be speaking to the SPE 521 classes, with an open invitation to anyone who would like to attend.
- In addition, during the month there will be a Collaborative Diversity Conference.
- Dr. Ajuwon was congratulated on his publications.
- With Dr. Moseman's upcoming retirement, a motion was made and seconded to award Emeritus status to Dr. Moseman. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm.

