

**Teacher Education Council (TEC)  
MEETING NOTES  
Wednesday, September 16, 2009, 3:30 p.m.  
Stayer Hall – Rm 402**

1. Roll Call.

Sandra Deemer, EDFN (Chair); Jane Bray, Dean, SOE; Sharon Brusic, ITEC; Dominique Dagit, BIOL; Katarzyna Jakubiak, ENGL; Amelia Lopez, PSYC; Nanette Marcum-Dietrich, EDFN; Marcia Nell, ELED; Thomas Neville, SPED; Anne Papalia-Berardi, SPED; Chip Schaeffer, WESS; Phillip Tacka, MUSI; Michael Wismer, MATH; William Wolf, ART.

*Excused:* Susanne Nimmrichter, FORL (departmental meeting); Tracey Weis, HIST

2. Approval of Meeting Notes: April 1, 2009, April 15, 2009

3. Report from the Chair.

- Special Mtg Announcement: Middle Level Program Information Session for PEU:  
“The Role of Faculty in Preparing the Ideal Middle School Teacher”  
Presented by: Middle Level Professors Group  
Guest Speaker: Mrs. Anne Carroll, Principal, Eshelman Elementary  
Date/Time: Monday, September 21, 2009, 3:15 p.m., Stayer MPR
- Update: Wellness 240 approved May 2009.
- Distributed: TEC Proposals 2008-2009, prepared by Sandra Deemer, Chairperson, TEC.
- Chair intent to streamline web resources and links.
- Chair in process of preparing a letter of appreciation, i.e., thank you for TEC service letter, for faculty reappointment and promotion documentation.
- Congratulations to Sharon Brusic, Director, Center for Academic Excellence.

4. Update on EDW Workshop Approvals/Re-Approvals: Nanette Marcum-Dietrich, Chip Schaeffer

- No report/re-approvals, i.e., no submissions.
- Going forward: All submissions should now be directed to Nanette Dietrich w/ Chip Schaeffer providing committee assistance.
- Print deadline: Mid-October. Note: NO online deadline.
- EDW Workshops for Re-Approval (Academic Year 2009/2010): Distributed to applicable dept chairs. Dr. Bray specific discussion to EDW 530: [Below as corrected and in discussion with John Ward.]

EDW 530 (EDFN)	Current Middle School Issues	<b>NEXT RE- APPROVAL DATE: <u>NOW</u>, Fall Semester 2009</b>	Note1: Original approval date: 4/29/99. Note2: DL approval date: 11/5/08.	Comment: EDW re-approval should not be significant event due to recent DL approval. Note: DL approval did not require review of syllabus.
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TEC discussion to EDW & DL approvals. Note: Only DL approval subject to the 30-day, CBA-driven approval process.

- Other: Cyndi Stehli contact for EDW activity and official spreadsheet maintenance (previously provided by Loreal Maguire, Graduate Studies).

5. Course and Program Approvals.

**EDW XXX Teaching research and writing with primary sources—Dr. Marilyn Parrish/Dr. Carla Rineer**

Presenter to TEC: Dr. Marilyn Parrish

- Overview/Rationale presented: Eager to extend process/approach to K through 12.
- Title add: *Honest Patriots: Loving a Country Enough to Remember Its Misdeeds* (Donald Shriver, Jr.)

Discussion:

- Recommendation: Link to specific PA standards, i.e., articulate standards.
- Recommendation: “Meatier” catalog description.
- Recommendation: Articulate course objectives so as to be linked to outcomes/assessments.
- Recommendation: Textbook needs to be referenced on proposal.
- Recommendation: Provide URLs for web-based references.
- Recommendation: Cover letter to include availability of new online service through bookstore to buy text.
- Dean Bray comment/concern: Overlap with Writing Institute?  
Although assumption is that there is not an overlap (i.e., EDW emphasis is creative writing), Parrish to check with Rineer. If overlap exists, EDW title may need to be tweaked.
- Discussion to consideration of longer and reworded course titles to target appropriate resource and audience. Noted as marketing consideration especially as many workshops didn’t make it this past summer due to insufficient student enrollment. Suggestions: Use of key words, flipping of words, selective words and creative wording (Tacka: primary sources—“inspiration,” PSI—Primary Source Investigation”), use of online technology to allow click of title to link to description, etc.
- Discussion to alternate format delivery: DL. Although initially face/face preferred, viewed as a potentially favorable option, i.e., wealth of online material and web-based work. Follow up: Will look at demand.

**Changes to APS Appeals Policy—Dr. Anne Papalia-Berardi**

DRAFT Document: Amendments to Advanced Professional Studies Appeal Policy (dated 9.10.09)

[Submitted by: Anne Papalia-Berardi]

- Overview/rationale presented to proposed amendment: Students must be within 21 credits of student teaching in order to apply for a GPA appeal in all programs except for Elementary Education/Special Education (ELSP) dual majors.
- Overview/rationale presented to proposed amendment: Students must have a GPA of 2.80 or higher in order to be considered for an appeal.
- Comment: Appeal process designed for extenuating circumstances.
- Re 21 credits criteria: Students have been submitting appeals way too early for sake of convenience and not sound academic reasoning.
- Re 2.8 criteria: Based upon mathematical likelihood of success.
- State of appeals: *Deals with 20% of the population 90% of the time*, i.e., apprx. 3000 teacher education candidates and 15-18 students pursuing appeals process.
- Status: Subject to 2-meeting rule. TEC representatives to bring proposed amendments to attention of their departments. Anticipated call to vote at next meeting: 10/7/09.
- Dean Bray comments: Being the only remaining opportunity to students post appeal, Bray noted that she rarely overturns an appeal unless new information presented, e.g., summer 3, etc. Additionally, Bray commented that MU has very strong appeals process which is a compliment to Papalia-Berardi and committee.

6. Old Business/Voting. None. See annual summary provided by Sandra Deemer, i.e. *Report from the Chair*.

7. Policy and Information, Dr. Jane Bray, Dean, School of Education.

- MU striving to become premier institution in state for middle level program.
- Middle level presentation provides the opportunity to make a program of national distinction at MU.
- Goal: For MU to become the middle level institution/association for teachers and educators.

8. New Business. None.

9. Adjournment: 4:30 p.m.

**Meetings: Fall 2009—Spring 2010**

10/7/09, 10/21/09, 11/4/09, 11/18/09, 12/2/09, 12/16/09 (if needed),

1/20/10, 2/3/10, 2/17/10, 3/3/10, 3/17/10, 4/7/10, 4/21/10, 5/5/10 (if needed)

Respectfully submitted,

Cyndi Stehli

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