

The University of Louisiana at Monroe Council for Teacher Education

Minutes

Meeting Date/Time: Monday, August 14, 2006 3:30-4:20

Chair: Dr. Beverly Flowers-Gibson

Recording Secretary: Dr. Donna A. Rhorer

Members Present: Dr. Walter Creekmore
Dr. Sharon Cruse
Dr. Jean Cottingham
Dr. Beverly Flowers-Gibson
Ms. Maria Hernandez
Dr. Donna Rhorer
Dr. George Rice
Ms. Beth Smith

Members Absent: Dr. Mark Doherty
Dr. Jerrilene Washington
Dr. Sean Chenoweth
Ms. Joni Noble

ITEM 1

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 P. M. by the Committee Chair. Members received a copy of the agenda, a copy of the committee's purpose, and copies of the Fall 2004 and Fall 2005 results of the undergraduate exit survey.

ITEM 2

Dr. Donna Rhorer volunteered to be recording secretary. There were no objections from the committee.

ITEM 3

Members of the committee introduced themselves. Dr. Flowers-Gibson reminded the group of its charge and asked for questions from new members so she could clarify the committee's purpose. Dr. Creekmore responded and asked to whom the committee proposes policies and recommendations. Dr. Flowers-Gibson provided several scenarios and noted that that would depend on what we were recommending. She added that we are "another set of eyes looking at what is going on across campus" in terms of teacher education. For example, if committee members observe a lack, perhaps something needs to be added to the curriculum. Then, we can recommend a change.

ITEM 4

Next, the committee looked at results of the undergraduate exit surveys. In particular, members noted the occasional score of 3 under the statement, "The education materials in the Library were adequate for my needs." Discussion followed on this point.

Action Item: The committee decided to reflect on the library question and to then send the Chair suggestions for re-writing it. In addition, she will send us copies of instructions for the exit survey and can bring the compilation of written comments from the survey to our next meeting. Dr. Creekmore suggested that the monitor giving the survey tell students to think back over their entire educational experience at ULM when answering questions.

ITEM 5

Dr. Creekmore asked if the results of the surveys were ever posted. Dr. Flowers-Gibson noted that if only one person takes the survey, he or she would then be identified and that students often express concern over their being identified. Discussion followed as to how to release these very good results while protecting the identity of the participants. Ms. Hernandez suggested a summary statement.

Action Item: The Chair will make up summary statements, and the committee will review them.

ITEM 6

The Chair asked members to recommend 5 undergraduate members.

Action Item: We are to email names to her.

ITEM 7

The committee agreed to meet every other month.

Next meeting: Monday, October 16, 2006, at 3:30 in Strauss 258.

ITEM 8

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Rice. Ms. Smith seconded his motion. The meeting adjourned at 4:20.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna A. Rhorer