REEL Faculty Meeting
January 15, 2010
Minutes

Attendance


Absent: Jack Piel, Robert Rickelman, Misty Hathcock, Kate Popejoy, Tracy Rock, and Tehia Starker.

1.) Approval of December’s Minutes.

2.) Joyce Frazier and Sue Rebich gave the faculty an overview of the procedures and changes happening in the Office of Field Experience. They reminded faculty to inform their students of the deadlines for spring placements. January 25th is the last day to apply to be placed. Students will find out about placements on Feb 12th. If a student misses the January 25th deadline the next deadline will post March 5th. The office of field experiences is working with area schools to try and make it an easier process for students to be placed. Each school has different procedures and they are working with the individual school districts to ensure a faster and smoother placement.

3.) Dr. Hinson expressed to the faculty some good news and announcements!

   Congratulations to Michael Green & Jack Piel & to Maryann Mraz for their books being published.

   Congratulations to Kate Popejoy for receiving a new grant.

Dr. Hinson also announced that she, Bruce Taylor, and Sherell Fuller are working on bringing a Freedom School to UNC Charlotte. This will help with clinical placements and help the community. However, we still need $50,000 to get it started.

Dr. Hinson also announced that we are keeping an eye on ELED students GPA’s. We are now, each semester, going to print off a list of all ELED students whose GPA falls below a 2.5. This semester we found a few and we will continue to keep track of this each semester.

Dr. Hinson also said we are looking into ways to limit admission into the MAT program. This will help cut down on faculty loads in their classes.
4.) Goals 2010-2015. Dr. Hinson asked the faculty to start thinking about ways we as a department can move forward in the next five years. What faculty will we need? Also, what do we already do well? Dr. Hinson said we will focus on these questions in our next faculty meeting.

5.) Sherell Fuller announced revisioning and retreat information. Retreats will be held in the Student Union room 261 on January 22 & 29 from 9am-4pm. Faculty will work in groups to revision the curriculum.

        Sherell also announced that starting Feb 1st ELED students will not be required to take ENG 3101- Children’s Lit.

        Dr. Hinson added that it would be great if faculty could have the same grading scale system across courses. We have run into the problem of having a student get a bad grade in one course but realizing they could have passed with that same grade in another section of that same course. Having the same grade scale will lessen these types of issues.

6.) Christy Luce was unable to attend but Dr. Hinson said they are working on the MAT and MED to figure out courses that could cross list in both degree tracks.

7.) Leigh Ausband announced that REEL will play host to German exchange students for a week in February. She asked the faculty to volunteer to open their homes for these students for that week. She said we still have three female students who need a place to stay. Email Leigh if you can help.

8.) Melanie Johnson announced a change in procedures for checking out student folders. We will now use a folder sign out card system. Each faculty member will fill out the card with their name and the folder name they took. They will leave the “out” card in the slot where the folder was taken. This will hopefully help in preventing folders from going missing in the future.

9.) Michael Green proposed an idea to create a Faculty & Staff Endowed Scholarship for Reading and Elementary Education students. Maria Yon will be the contact person for those interested. Each pay period a small amount would be taken from the faculty or staff’s paycheck to go towards this endowment. Also contact Linda Breen if you would like to help in other ways.