Council on Field Experiences
Minutes
March 09, 2010
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Committee members present:
- Larry Ashley – CED
- Jane Kier, Liz Spalding – C&I
- Cathy Allen – DAN
- Cliff McClain - EDL
- Kyle Higgins, Nancy Brown – ESP
- Genie Burkett - MUS

Committee members absent:
- Strudler – C&I
- Joe Crank – EPY
- Joe Felix – SEL

Ex-Officio: Annie Amoia (absent), Esther K. Kassouf, Darrilyn Shroeder – CCSD; Ahn – COE Advising; Hoffman (absent) – COE OFE; Sileo – COE

1. Approval of December COFE Minutes.
   a. Motion: Higgins; second: Burkett; unanimous

2. Approval of March COFE Agenda.
   a. Motion: MccCain; second: Burkett; unanimous

3. PRAXIS II - CCSD change in condition of hire.
   a. COE recommends students attempt the PRAXIS II prior to student teaching; CCSD indicates other IHEs have put passing PRAXIS II as a condition of graduation; CCSD indicates in some cases where all other applicant factors are equal, the passing score on the PRAXIS is taken into consideration during the hiring process; Sileo will check with NSC; a question regarding whether scores on the PPST scores (higher or lower) are being considered in hiring decisions was raised – answer not at this time

4. Fingerprinting changes.
   a. understanding is that
      i. P1 do NOT have to fingerprint if they are not left in a classroom alone (always with a certified teacher);
      ii. p2 WILL fingerprint and as long as there is NOT a break in service they will NOT have to reprint prior to student teaching (e.g., secondary - spring/fall or fall/spring; elementary - spring/summer; summer/fall; fall/spring; spring/fall; special education / early childhood - spring/summer; summer/fall; fall/spring; spring/fall;))
iii. if for some reason in any program the students have NOT fingerprinted prior to student teaching, then they MUST print before student teaching;
iv. student teaching and licensure/hire – in negotiations…possibility that students may NOT have to print again if there is no break in service;
v. substitute/paraprofessionals ??? – if students have fingerprinted within three months students are OK for their student teaching application fingerprinting license – contact ESTHER on a case by case basis until the next COFE meeting

5. Credit Fee (tuition) and Student Fee possible changes.
   a. concerns that students will bear the brunt of the credit fee (a lot of $$); contrast – one way / option to apply revenue increase to save department/programs in the COE; option suggested to pull back on the student fee increase at the same time as a credit fee increase

6. COFE committee description.
   a. any edits – please bring to April 2010 COFE meeting (see below)

7. Other items…

8. Future COFE meeting dates spring 2010:
   • 4/13 11-12 pm

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