Teacher Education Committee
Minutes
March 09, 2010
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Committee Members present: Ashley – CED; Spalding – C&I; McClain – EDL; Lori Olafson – EPY; Higgins – ESP; Burkett – MUS; Allen – DAN

Ex-Officio: COE Advising – Ahn; COE – Sileo
Absent: Strudler – C&I; Ayvazo – SEL

1. Approval of November TEC Minutes.
   a. Motion: Burkett; second: Ashley; unanimous

2. Approval of March TEC Agenda.
   a. Motion: Ashley; second: McClain; unanimous

3. PRAXIS II – CCSD change in condition of hire.
   a. Notes: UNLV has made the decision NOT to require passing the PRAXIS II as a condition of graduation (historically public IHEs that have made passing the PRAXIS II a condition of graduation have been sued); ETS philosophy is that practical experience is needed prior to taking/passing exam – however, students are learning the content covered on the exam in university courses; NDE requires PRAXIS II for HQT; COE recommends students attempt the PRAXIS II prior to student teaching; Sileo will ask Pete Yeager (NV ETS representative) for sample tests and/or the content

4. PRAXIS II - NDE change in tests required for HQT.
   a. Notes: Please make sure faculty are referring students to the ETS website for inquires on Nevada ETS/PRAXIS requirements. Due to a disparity in what we believe NDE told us were the required ETS/PRAXIS II exams needed in NV, and what the ETS website identifies as the required exams, the COE Advising office has pulled the suggested test/exam sheets and from now on will ONLY refer students to the ETS website.

5. NDE teacher licensure program review.
   a. Notes: Underway

6. Credit Fee (tuition) and Student Fee possible changes
   a. Notes: General discussion regarding the previously approved change in student fees (has not been approved by the BOR); concern was raised re: ECE 299 practicum and a possible fee discrepancy with CSN (course is part of 2 + 2 program and many students complete course at CSN)

7. Other items…
   a. Notes: Item was raised as to how teacher certification/programs/degrees will
be impacted by the current budget situation. Item was tabled until the next TEC meeting or until there is an official announcement on how the budget will impact the COE

8. Future TEC meeting dates spring 2010:

• 4/13, 10-11 am