College of Education

Field Experience Committee Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2012

I. Call to order
   Nancy Ryland, Chairperson, called to order the regular meeting of the Field Experience Committee at 3:00 p.m. on September 26, 2012 in MCHS 3125.

II. Roll call
   The following persons were present: Nancy Bauer, Denise Coy, Eileen Hower, Jim Krause, John Olivo, Nancy Ryland, Maureen Walsh, Craig Young, and Tony Zilz.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

IV. New business
   a) An ongoing area of development will be our Field Experience Portal on the COE home page. The committee examined our current Field Experience portal along with web sites from various universities in Pennsylvania and around the nation. Committee members voiced a preference for having separate links for each department within the College of Education. Pertinent information could be made available for students, supervisors, advisors, and cooperating teachers. Jim Krause encouraged department representatives to gather pictures, videos, and testimonials for Jaime North to embed within the portal. Content for the COE webpage should be submitted through Jim. Department webpage content should be managed within the department.
   b) The second focus area will be the creation and implementation of a cooperating teacher training model to be placed on our COE web site. By way of online training, cooperating teachers will be able to view the competencies targeted in Bloomsburg University’s conceptual framework. In addition, cooperating teachers will find mentoring tips and expectations and procedures for assessing our Field Experience students. The committee suggested the possibility for a training model for Bloomsburg University supervisors as well to assure consistency in the field. A volunteer subcommittee, including Denise Coy, Nancy Ryland, Craig Young, and Tony Zilz, will meet with Jim Krause to review information for the web site training. The meeting has been set for 3 p.m. on October 22.
c) The third focus area will be the setting of both short-term and long-term goals. Short term goals will most likely be centered on NCATE visit needs. A long-term goal would be to assure that we are meeting all requirements for PDE, NCATE, our College of Education, and Bloomsburg University. Also of importance is the examination of our early field experiences.

d) Also emerging as a point of interest from the meeting for future investigation was the exploration of alternative student teaching placement models. One example is the placement process used in the Business Education Department as described by John Olivo. Students are placed with a team of teachers in one school building and gain field experience in several classrooms under the guide of a Lead teacher.

V. Adjournment

Nancy Ryland adjourned the meeting at 4:30. The next meeting will be held October 10, 2012 in MCHS 3125

Minutes submitted by: Nancy Ryland

Minutes approved by: