MINUTES
Departmental Meeting
October 14, 2013
3:00 pm
Navy Hall 107


Excused: J. Bentley-Sassaman

Interpreter: T. Fosse, B. Kovach

Guests: C. Kemper

Recorder: C. Andrezze

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Approval of Minutes
Minutes from September 9, 2013 Department Meeting were approved (Motion – M. Karpinski / 2nd – B. Wert).

Multi-Tiered Systems of Support Departmental Updates
The Special Ed/ECE program is fully implementing MTSS. Dept. of Adolescent & Early Childhood Ed. is rolling out this year, paralleling our MTSS and incentive programs. ASL/English Interpreting program is currently putting in place different aspects of MTSS (e.g., Ms. Ackerman shared how this program is using 'contracting' utilizing a 3-tiered system with interventions occurring as problems arise). It is not the intent to conform the practices of ASL/English Interpreting to Special Ed/ECE; however, it is important that discussions and exchange of thoughts occur. Faculty from different programs shared thoughts and/or approaches they are using in classes. These included recommendation to be more proactive rather than reactive, and reviewing expectations in every class. Dr. Karpinski noted that by the time students get to Student Teaching, appropriate behaviors are expected. Dr. Wilson reminded faculty that the University does have a policy on disruptive behavior. Additional discussion occurred on Tier 2 vs. Tier 3 as intended in MTSS for Special Ed/ECE.

Curricular Preparation 2013-14

Special Ed
SPECED 449 – Assessment & Planning / 544 – Academic Assessment for Instruction have been approved for dual listing.

ASL/English Interpreting
No curricular proposals under consideration at this time.

Deaf/HH
Revised Graduate Program and new Undergraduate dual certification program (Deaf/HH K-12 / ECE PK-4) will be put forth upon course approvals. Ready to go to department curriculum committee soon.
McDowell Institute for Teacher Excellence in PBS Update
C. Kemper reported on the activities of the McDowell Institute, which included a recent poster presentation at the PBIS Forum in Chicago where the McDowell Institute received a great deal of interest.

SAMHSA Award and Departmental Structures
Dr. Knoster, et al. have been the recipients of a SAMHSA (Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration) award. This is a four-year federally funded project, and accordingly Dr. Knoster will be stepping down as Chairperson at the end of this semester in order to work 75% time on this national project. At the November departmental meeting we will need to identify nominees to assume the chair for the Spring 2014 semester. Names will be forwarded to administration for vetting and subsequent departmental vote. New Chairperson elections on the standard three-year cycle will take place at the end of the Spring 2014 semester.

Dr. Karpinski spoke for the faculty in appreciation of Dr. Knoster’s service in this position these past three years.

Announcements
Faculty are directed to review the Announcements included with the Agenda for this meeting relative to:
- Use of NH 019 for BASD/BU Partnership and ASL/English Interpreting Program Tutorial Center this academic year.
- Advisement Issues / Updates / Timeframes.
- Electronic Voting may be used for curricular and other time-sensitive matters requiring departmental vote.
- STOP IT NOW (McDowell Institute)
- Basic rules of confidentiality.
- COE Re-organization

Meeting adjourned 4:00 pm.
(B. Wilson - Motion / B. Wert - 2nd)

Timothy P. Knoster, Chairperson  
11/25/13  
Date