Jackson State University  
College of Education and Human Development  

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  

This meeting was held on January 28, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in the Joseph H. Jackson School of Education Building Room 100.

Persons Attending:  
Dr. Daniel Watkins  Dr. Ingrid Smith  Dr. Lennie Little  
Dr. Ronica Arnold  Dr. Josie Blake  Dr. Tamika Bradley  
Dr. Doris Gardner  Dr. Ruben Gentry  Dr. Tony Latiker  
Dr. Willie Johnson  Dr. Rodney Washington  Dr. Donald Wheelock  
Dr. Yvette Turner  Dr. Jianjun Yin  Dr. Patricia VanDecar

Call to Order:  
Dr. Lennie Little called the Professional Education Council Meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Approval of Minutes:  
The Council was asked to review the minutes from the September 24, 2009 meeting. Dr. Patricia VanDecar motioned that the minutes be approved and seconded by Dr. Donald Wheelock. The council unanimously voted to approve the minutes.

Agenda Approval:  
The council was asked to review the agenda for approval. It was motioned for approval by Dr. Rodney Washington and seconded by Dr. Donald Wheelock. The council voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

ACTION ITEMS:  

Approval of New PEC Governing Body for the Next Two Years (2010-2011):  

Dr. Lennie Little stated that the new council has been selected according to all requirements. Dr. Donald Wheelock motioned that the new Council be approved and it was seconded by Dr. Yvette Turner. The council voted unanimously to approve the new membership.
Approval of Teacher Candidates – Spring 2010:

The list of teacher candidates was presented to the council. Dr. Little indicated that the candidates have met all requirements and are ready for student teaching. Dr. Jianjun Yin motioned that the teacher candidates be approved. Dr. Rodney Washington seconded the motion. The council voted unanimously to approve the teacher candidates.

Approval of Teacher Education Admits – Spring 2010:

The list of teacher education admits was presented to the council. Dr. Little stated that the teacher education admits have met all requirements for admission to teacher education. Dr. Patricia VanDecar motioned that the teacher education admits be approved. Dr. Jianjun Yin seconded the motion. The council voted unanimously to approve the teacher candidates.

Approval of ALL candidates in advanced degree programs be required to take the Graduate English Proficiency Examination (Fall 2010):

The College has allowed Masters level students whom have completed student teaching to be exempt from taking the Graduate English Proficiency Examination. The Praxis writing test required for student teachers was used in lieu of the Graduate English Proficiency Exam. Because there was no consideration of students in other programs, such as the MAT program, Dr. Daniel Watkins has asked that the exemption status be discontinued. Student entering all COEHD master programs should be required to take and pass the exam effective Fall 2010. If students fail the exam, they may take the functionality course. Dr. Watkins motioned for approval. Dr. Willie Johnson seconded the motion. The council voted unanimously to approve the teacher candidates.

Approval for Elementary and Early Childhood Department to begin the process of offering a Pre K-K supplementary endorsement option for Elementary Education major at the initial and advanced levels:

Dr. Little stated that person holding an endorsement in Elementary can’t receive an endorsement in Pre K-K without completing the entire degree program. Approval is requested for the Elementary and Early Childhood Department to begin the process to investigate the implementation of a supplementary endorsement in Pre K-K. This endorsement would require 9-12 semester hours. Dr. VanDecar motioned for approval and it was seconded by Dr. Turner. The council voted unanimously to approve of this process.

Approval of Elementary and Early Childhood Department to rename Elementary Education Degree Programs

MS Department of Education no longer issues the Elementary K-4 and K-8 certifications. To align the degree programs with MDE certifications, Dr. Rodney Washington is seeking to
Approval of Elementary and Early Childhood Education Department to rename Elementary Education Degree, Continued.

re-name the current curriculums to K-3 and K-6 effective Fall 2010. Dr. Wheelock motioned for approval and it was seconded by Dr.Gardner.

Approval of Elementary and Early Childhood Education Department online degree program in Childcare and Family Education (effective Spring 2010):

Dr. Rodney Washington presented before the council and asked that the council grant approval to offer an online degree program in childcare and family education effective in Spring 2010. Dr. Watkins motioned for approval and Dr. Wheelock seconded the motion. The council approved implementing the online degree program unanimously.

Approval of 2.5 GPA for candidates with initial degrees into the MAT and candidates with advance degrees will be evaluated on a case by case base (effective Spring 2010):

Dr. Watkins proposed that candidates being admitted to the MAT Alternate Route Program with initial degrees must be required to have a GPA of 2.5 and those who have advance degrees may be evaluated case by case. Although MDE does not consider the GPA for certification for this program, the College requires the 2.5 GPA for acceptance into a teacher program. Dr. Little motioned for approval and Dr. Wheelock seconded the motion. The council approved this measure unanimously.

Approval of course syllabi for Educational Leadership: The College Student, Historical Foundations of Higher Education in America, and Student Personnel Service of Higher Education:

Dr. Carrine Bishop presented three new courses for approval for the certificate program in Higher Education Administration: EDAH 617-Student Personnel Services in Higher Education, EDHE 639-College Student, and EDHE 668 Historical Foundations of Higher Education in America. She also stated that the course EDHE 641-Seminar in Higher Education will be presented at a later date and that this course will not prevent the program from going forward.

Dr. Gardner asked that a course in Introduction to Graduate Education be considered. New graduate faculty can receive developmental training through this course.

Dr. Watkins motioned for approval of the higher education courses and it was seconded by Dr. Wheelock.
Approval of Education Leadership offering of a certificate program in Higher Education requiring 18 semester hour Effective June 2010:

Dr. Bishop presented the requirements for the certificate program in higher education. The program is not a licensure program. Dr. Little motioned for approval of the certificate in higher education program. It was seconded by Dr. Watkins. The council approved of the program unanimously.

UPDATES:

Updates will be sent electronically.

Remarks:

There were no remarks.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m.