

Minutes of the Counselor Education Department Meeting
Thursday, September 17 - 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. - 3002 E Winther Hall

Present: Cindy Anderton, Dr. Amy Barth, Jennifer Betters-Bubon, Jeff Cook, Krista Kim, Carrie Merino, Brenda O'Beirne (Chair), Anene Okocha, David Van Doren (note taker)

1. There was a brief check-in led by Dave.
2. Motion to approve the minutes from the September 10 department meeting.
Okocha/Van Doren Motion. Passed unanimously.
3. Brenda reminded faculty that meetings are being posted on the college website.
4. Additions to the agenda -
 - a. Update on technology committee - Cindy discussed the work done on the new certificate in digital media. Discussed the position which would be connected to this certificate as a coordinator.
 - b. Faculty discussed the human relations form which is handed out in internship. Students get this form in The Perspectives of School Counseling class now, but often don't respond to it until later in the program. The human relations requirement for students in school counseling is an ongoing process connected with many classes in our program. The Beloit experiences and practicum will count, as will many other class experiences. Cindy brought up the fact that gender was on the DPI form and wondered what that meant. Discussion followed. The consensus was that faculty desire that our students get diverse experiences and the form should be distributed earlier in a student's program.
 - c. Internship/practicum meetings -
Practicum meetings were set for 10/5 and 10/6 from 4:15-5:15 in Winther 3002.
Internship meetings were set for 9/28 and 9/29 from 4:15 -5:15 in Winther 3002.
The meeting related to Scotland will be on 9/30 also 4:15 to 5:15 in Winther 3002.
 - d. Supervision summit will take place tomorrow in Esker 108. Discussed the organization of the supervision summit. Jeff will lead us.
 - e. Brenda will meet with a group who will look at graduate writing across programs. This group is examining syllabi and writing assignments and gathering information. They will make recommendations regarding how to enhance writing skills to the Dean of the Graduate School.

5. There was a follow-up discussion related to our CACREP site visit. Celebration and discussion ensued! Discussed AMHCA connection and possible use of CMHC exam to enhance this connection and portability. Some states require both the NCE and the CMHC. Cindy and Amy mentioned that two years post-masters experience may be helpful to pass the CMHC exam. VA requires the CMHC exam and this exam maximizes portability. Discussed the counselor identity concern. Marriage and Family students tend to gravitate toward AAMFT. The portability of MFT might not be as easy.

Discussed assessment and outcomes and management thereof.

Discussed the need for a full time ADA and especially how this would be helpful with the time consuming tracking of assessment data. Discussed the need for a counselor education doctoral program in Wisconsin and why not in Whitewater.

It was suggested that those attending ACES in October examine how other programs are doing their student assessments.

Discussed our present student assessments and the lack of accuracy of the self-assessment and utilizing numbers versus words.

Discussed the supervision of supervisors as a more intentional focus. The committee appeared to appreciate our efforts in this area.

Anene discussed her contribution to the academic unit and inclusion of her being chair, as well as Don. Brenda clarified that the document covered the last seven years and stated she would be eager to change any errors in the report, if they would be brought to her attention.

Ellen Lattorca's help related to counseling resources in library was mentioned and appreciated.

6. Discussed summer counseling courses taught at UWW. Discussed how to set up a fair process for summer. It was suggested that there be a combination with equity as a desire while students' needs and faculty areas of teaching be utilized as well. Since the chair is required to be available in the summer it was mentioned that teaching full-time for the chair would make sense. Discussed the need for someone to begin thinking about teaching the chemical dependency class (746) next summer 746. This brought up the issue as to whether this course should be taught during the academic year as well.
7. Discussed a student intern concern regarding supervision at the internship site. Cindy will try to make contact with the supervisor.
8. Cook/Bettters- Bubon motion to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

Submitted by David Van Doren