

MSE PD COUNCIL
November 17, 2011
9:00-10:30 a.m.
WH1013

In attendance: Ellie Dickmann, Chair; Rick Mason, Facilitator; John Zbikowski, Coordinator; Kelly Witte; Steve Albrechtsen; Nancy Stevens; Pam Clinkenbeard; Scott Peters and Edric Johnson.

Ellie asked each of us to introduce ourselves and state what departments we are in.

The committee reviewed the original charter and went over the roles and responsibilities of the Council. The first sentence of the Charter states that members of the Council will be appointed by the Dean. This is incorrect.

- The chairpersons of HPERC, C & I, Ed Foundations will appoint members of the Council and the current MSE in Professional Development Coordinator will be an ex-officio member.
- Steve Albrechtsen suggested that the statement in the first sentence in the section "Initial oversight of degree creation including proposal development. Thereafter" be stricken. The sentence should read "The Council will support and monitor the program during the academic year".
- The third sentence states the Council will set and maintain a five-year course rotation. The Council would like to change that to read "maintain a three-year course rotation".

John Zbikowski will be meeting with Robin Fox and Anne Durst on November 28 to discuss the course rotation. He would like to make sure the chairs are aware of the rotation so that appropriate sections of core courses can be scheduled. The plan has been to post the rotation on the MSE PD website.

The audit and review self-study for the MSE PD is due in 2013. The Council is responsible for conducting this.

The committee reviewed the PowerPoint of the MSE PD prepared when the degree was originally proposed. According to the pie chart in the PowerPoint, convenience and location are the reasons students choose a graduate school. There was some discussion of the high-demand new courses originally proposed for the program. Though some of the topics, such as language and literacy, classroom management, curriculum, and technology have been developed as courses and offered in an online format, others such as brain-based and assessment, have not.

Enrollment figures in the MSE PD were discussed. Overall enrollment is down somewhat compared to this time last year. This is the first term since the start of the MSE PD that enrollment in the program has not increased relative to previous years. John Zbikowski provided figures for students admitted to the program by emphasis for summer 2011 and later

and pointed out that about two-thirds of the new admits have been in programs aimed at constituencies other than classroom teachers. Some discussion followed about how this may be related to uncertainty among public-school teachers this year about their jobs.

Ellie will clarify with John Stone whether “program” means “emphasis”, for purposes of defining council membership. She will also ask John if the cohorts offered by UW-La Crosse are phasing out. John Stone will be invited to the MSE PD meeting in January to discuss marketing and to answer any questions the Council may have.

The Council discussed the possibility of developing a doctoral program. Cardinal Stritch University is offering Ph.D. programs in cohorts and Madison has scheduled Ph.D. programs by attending one night a week with three classes scheduled back-to-back. A suggestion was made for Ellie and Katy to talk to the president of Madison College and perhaps a partnership could be started. It was also suggested to find out the name of the president of Blackhawk Tech and speak to him/her. Pam suggested Rick Mason call Mr. Miles at WASDA and ask what the jobs needs are.

Rick Mason noted that he has been developing a higher-education strand within the leadership emphasis. He said two-year colleges have many people in leadership positions who have not taken courses in leadership. A suggestion was made to talk to people in Student Affairs and see whether their staff members would be interested in leadership coursework or a possible master’s degree in leadership.

Discussion of graduate-level initial licensure followed. We should turn Learning Community students into master’s students here. Students want to get certified and earn a master’s degree at the same time but the master’s degree is too expensive so they get certification alone at the undergraduate level, as special students with full credentials.

Despite UW-Whitewater’s nationally recognized program in wheelchair athletics, graduates who participated in that program and who have an interest in adaptive physical education go elsewhere for their master’s degrees. Steve Albrechtsen noted that we lost our physical education adaptive P.E. program position but that is going to be reinstated.

We need a certification program in computer technology. We also need to look at alternative pathways to licensure. We need to develop a fast-track emphasis area in science and math licensure.

At the next meeting Council members were asked to bring interests of what courses they would like to see offered and what format they would like them offered in and when.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, December 15 at 9:00 a.m. in WH1013.