COE Academic Affairs Committee Meeting
8:30 a.m. May 3, 2007

Attending: Steve Harbstreit, Jan Wissman, Steve Benton, Larry Scharman, Warren White, Brad Burenheide, Marjorie Hancock, Mike Perl, Catherine Maderazo, Linda Thurston, Stanley.

The meeting was called to order 8:30 by Steve Harbstreit. The minutes were approved with the change of date for the next meeting to May 3.

Curriculum Changes
Diversity in Higher Education—It was moved and seconded that the proposed change be approved. Steven Benton shared reasons for moving from special topics to new course. Discussion included questions about the syllabi: Course objectives, not aligned with standards, didn’t all fit with rubric. It was recommended that the syllabi be revised to reflect standards and use syllabi checklist and the exact format that will go into the catalog (Step Four). Revisions will be made and resubmitted to the committee. The motion carried.

Graduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning—It was moved and seconded that the new certificate be approved. Larry Sharman shared background about this new certificate in secondary education. The attempt was not to make a new program but to use an existing program for a graduate certificate – more under our control. Decision was made not to move towards a separate master’s program, and that this is a response to schools’ needs and shortages. There are eleven categories for students to apply and be accepted into as graduate programs at KSU. The certificate can be worked into program of study or in addition to degree. There are six candidates currently, with modern language students constituting the largest number of students. Math, Science, Consumer Science, and Agriculture are other areas.

Middle level experience students would have a split placement – internship 991/992 (Stipulation 6). Candidates need FLES Course 620. It was suggested that the title say ‘secondary.’ It was also suggested that something on the website would help students think about who would be candidates for the course. It was noted that EDCEP 882 has been replaced by EDCEP 715. Candidates apply to graduate school before applying for this program.

Larry Scharmann and the department were thanked for their work. Committee members were reminded that assessment information for KSDE licensure should also accompany this proposal when it goes to faculty, and that data would be gathered for these candidates as we do with other candidates. Internally, we might also show how these new courses will be used. The need for a minimum of 8 assessments was mentioned and that program completers would have to meet the same requirements. Ways to adapt assessments currently used for secondary education content to this new certificate were discussed. The motion to approve this new program carried.
Status of Reinstated Students as of May 1, 207
Mike Perl shared information regarding reinstated students.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: September 6, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Maderazo and Teresa Miller