

Secondary Teacher Education Coordinating Committee (STECC)  
 Minutes  
 September 19, 2014  
 10:00am-12:00pm  
 COE, Dean's Conference Room 211, Boca Campus

In attendance:

- Walter Hnatysh (Visual Arts and Art History)
- Sika Dagbovie-Mullins (English)
- Myriam Ruthenberg (Languages and Linguistics)
- Ana Escuder (Mathematical Sciences)
- Sean Murray (Music)
- David Binninger (Biological Science)
- Chris Beetle (Physics)
- Marianne Sauna (Social Science)
- Susannah Brown (Art Education and Music Education)
- Penelope Fritzer (English Education and Social Science Education)
- Joe Furner (Mathematics Education)
- Valerie Bristor (Dean)
- Patty Heydet Kirsh (Director, Assessment and Program Evaluation)
- Andrew Brewer (Associate Director for Academic and Assessment Support)

Dr. Susannah Brown welcomed the group and introductions were made individually. Dean Bristor gave the charge of committee. She welcomed and thanked everyone for their service. A general overview of the CAEP accreditation process was reviewed. She announced that the self-study report was already submitted and off-site review was being conducted. Accreditation also includes the FL Department of Education review. In spring 2015, there will be an on-site visit by the accreditation teams and if asked Dean Bristor may contact STECC members to attend a meeting. She will contact selected groups when information is needed for the CAEP or FL DOE reviews.

Dean Bristor announced the College of Education 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. She invited STECC members to attend the Dean's Symposium on Monday, October 13, 2014 with a keynote speaker, Dr. George Kuh.

Dean Bristor announced that the appointment of Dr. Susannah Brown as chair of the STECC until the spring 2015 semester. Dr. Patty Kirsch will serve as chair of STECC starting the spring 2015 semester.

Dr. David Binninger was nominated as co-chair of STECC. Motion made by Dr. Chris Beetle and seconded by Dr. Penelope Fritzer. Passed unanimously.

Dr. Penelope Fritzer was nominated for secretary of STECC. Motion made by Dr. Myriam Ruthenberg and seconded by Dr. Sean Murray. Passed unanimously.

Program advising and information forms were discussed. Changes were submitted in writing and Dr. Susannah Brown collected the written changes to bring back to the Department of Teaching

and Learning. Some discussion occurred about the new Flight Plans. Also, the reorganization of the forms was discussed to provide clarity for the students.

Dr. Andrew Brewer discussed the initial score reports from the Department of Teaching and Learning's initiative to implement content area exams for students in secondary degree programs. The information collected is used for program improvement. Each content area created a pool of test questions aligned with the Subject Matter Content Area Standards from the FLDOE. Dr. Brewer will share results in the spring meeting. The FLDOE SACS site and test information guides were also shared with the group.

Dr. Kirsch requested copies of any accreditation from different departments. Dr. Murray mentioned the music accreditation.

### Departmental Reports

David Binninger- new courses going through the approval process and he will provide information to update advising forms accordingly in the spring semester. The Biology enrollment is experiencing an increase in students.

Myriam Ruthenberg- October is Latin American Month. Events are planned for teachers and high school students. These events are on the Languages and Linguistics Department's website.

Marianne Sanua- She announced the Larkin Symposium and new hire in the department.

Sean Murray- He discussed a possible mid program review for music education majors. The Music Department hired a new music education assistant professor, Dr. Dalaine Chapman, who will serve on STECC.

Ana Escuder – She worked on a professional development program for 9-12 teachers in Algebra 1 and Geometry. Summer term teachers at high schools and elementary schools worked with each other and the FAU professors in Math Circles. There will be a mini Math Day with math events and future workshops for teachers.

Joe Furner- Race to the Top Math grant for content courses is being implemented. Doctoral student research in math is continuing. He is working with Dr. Vasquez and Dr. DeHass on a math anxiety grant with an approved IRB. Data will be collected at Dwyer High School for the research project. Don Ploger is developing the connections between engineering and mathematics education. This will enhance the collaborative links already established with Ravi Shakar, Professor of Engineering at FAU. Don Ploger is the co-PI on the proposed research project, "Enhancing mathematics learning with connections to engineering practice."

Sika Dagbovie-Mullins- She announced the National Day of Writing. Roxanne Gay is a visiting professor in the department.

Penelope Fritzer- She explained that a new social studies methods course textbook is being negotiated. There are larger numbers of students both in Social Studies and English Education courses.

Meeting adjourned by Dr. Susannah Brown