I. Welcome
Attendance and Introductions

Andrew Brewer, Don Ploger, Susannah Brown, Sika Dagbovie-Mullins, Ana Escuder, Penelope Fritzer, Valerie Bristor, Eileen Ariza, Sean Murray, Amy Spears, Justin White, Chris Beetle, Julie Lambert

II. Approval of March 22, 2013 Minutes

Andrew Brewer noted a correction in the March 22, 2013 minutes. Penelope Fritzer made motion to approve the March 22, 2013 minutes with the correction. Eileen Ariza seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved by members present.

III. New Business

A. Charge of the Committee and appointment of STECC Chair-Dean of the College of Education, Dr. Valerie Bristor

Dr. Bristor talked about the new accreditation CAEP program. She briefly discussed the role for secondary programs and referred to the website.

www.caepsite.org/standards.html

B. Election of STECC Co-Chair- committee as a whole
Sean Murray agreed to serve as Co-Chair. The committee voted and elected Sean Murray as Co-Chair of STECC.

C. Election of STECC Secretary- committee as a whole.
Julie Lambert agreed to serve as secretary. The committee voted and elected Julie Lambert to continue as STECC Secretary.

D. Music Education Degree Changes in Courses, Sean Murray

Changes to music education program were discussed. See the approved music education degree which is housed on the Department of Teaching and Learning website. There are no changes related to the COE courses. The degree is housed in the COE as the music education degree students are advised in collaboration with the Music Department. The goal of the changes was to provide better content coursework for those students in the vocal or instrumental tracks.
Sean Murray made a motion to accept changes and Eileen Ariza seconded the motion. The committee voted to support the proposed changes to the Music Education degree.

Susannah Brown reminded the committee members that proposed changes should be discussed first in the STECC, especially if the secondary education degree is housed in the COE.

E. Spanish and French Degree Changes in Courses, Dr. Justin White

Justin White said that the changes were made in Spring of 2012. The Spanish and French education degrees are housed in the College of Arts and Letters. The COE works in collaboration with the Department of Language and Linguistics to advise students for this degree. For Spanish, the department took 45 hour requirement and trimmed it to 36 hours to make it in the best interest for the students. For French, some courses were eliminated or students were given a choice.

Penelope Fritzer said that the foreign language should be commended for trimming the program.

Susannah Brown asked that Justin White email a summary of the changes, so that STECC members can formally vote on the changes. This issue will be revisited at the December 6th meeting.

Eileen Ariza asked what the impact is when programs go over 120 credit hours. Susannah Brown explained that if a degree is over 120 credits, there’s a waiver involved.

F. Review of Program Advising Forms- Review of Format and alignment with forms used at all Departments. Changes to be submitted in writing to Dr. Susannah Brown from each content area team/representatives from each department.

Brown asked that we review the programming sheets today for any revisions. It was discussed that the rotation of courses could be placed on the forms for students.

Math and English representatives selected to take the forms back to their respective departments.

Penelope Fritzer took notes on the social studies form and Andrew Brewer will discuss any proposed changes with the Marianne Sanua for the next meeting.

Chris Beetle outlined the proposed changes for physics degree and recommended that students take Calculus for Engineers. It was also suggested to cancel the third physics course and have students take Modern Physics. It was also suggested that students take lower division math courses.

It was noted in general by members that the Effective Teaching courses should explain that these courses should be taken the fall or spring semester prior to student teaching.
IV. Department Reports

English – new department chair and new faculty member have been hired. The Department is developing a professional writing certificate. Creative writing program is being further developed.

Music – new music education faculty member was introduced and presently a new search is going on for faculty positions.

Foreign Language Education – new methodology course will be offered in the spring. Eileen Ariza was invited to be a Fulbright Scholar Ambassador. Justin White briefly discussed the change of leadership in the department. QEP – proposal was accepted as a QEP Grant and he is developing research initiatives in LAN 4930 and Foreign Language Pedagogy. Two searches are being completed for the department. He discussed his work with his uncle, Wainwright, and is working to bring him to FAU for a lecture series. Eileen Ariza discussed how programs can modify ESOL certification within COE degrees.

Science – Climate education secondary level teacher workshops are being conducted. Julie Lambert discussed the grant through 2014 and continuing. She recently submitted a NSF proposal on evidence-based argumentation.

Math – Math Circle implemented for middle grade students on Saturdays (2:30 to 4). A parent of a home school student suggested this. The Math Department is working towards implementation of a Math Circle for teachers. The department is working on a few NSF grants.

Dean Bristor discussed that there is a new chair, Dr. Emery Hyslop-Margison of the CCEI Department.

V. Meeting Dates - Future meeting dates were announced by Susannah Brown.
10:00-12:00 P.M. Friday, December 6, 2013
10:00-12:00 P.M. Friday, January 10, 2014
10:00-12:00 P.M. Friday, February 28, 2014

VI. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned by Susannah Brown.