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College of Education
Curriculum & Program Committee Minutes

October 26, 2012

1. Welcome

- a. Present: Zafer Unal, Bonnie Braun, Jan Blake, Anna Lewis for Deanna Michael, Jennefer Khattabi, guest-Guda Gayle-Evans

2. Approval of Agenda

Jan Blake moved to approve the agenda for the meeting. Zafer Unal seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes from April 2012

Zafer Unal moved to approve the April 16, 2012 minutes. Jennefer Khattabi seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

4. New Business

- a. Election of New Chair

Zafer Unal moved that Bonnie Braun be the chairperson. Jan Blake seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Jennefer will take the minutes.

- b. Review New Proposals – Early Childhood Education certificate

Guda Gayle-Evans presented a proposal for a new undergraduate certificate in early childhood and family studies. To determine the need for the early childhood and family studies undergraduate certificate, a survey was conducted of COE students. Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas

County supports the endeavor. See below for description of proposal and courses.

"Certificate in Early Childhood and Family Studies is a unique stand-alone undergraduate certificate designed to provide early childhood paraprofessionals and day care providers with the knowledge and skills necessary to work with children birth to five years. This curriculum will provide candidates with: (1) knowledge of developmentally appropriate practices, (2) culturally relevant material that will support children and families from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, (3) strategies to effectively work with parents and families in a pluralistic society, and (4) knowledge and skills to work with infants, toddlers and young children with special needs."

The course sequence is as follows:

Year One

1. EEC 4111 Child Growth and Learning
2. EEX 4200 Young Children with Special Needs
3. RED 4310 Reading and Learning to Read

Year Two

4. EEC 4408 Family, Community School Partnerships

Note however, that the certificate can be completed by taking one course per semester.

Committee discussed each course separately and made several recommendations on course content. Committee also wondered what effect this will have on the students currently in program. It will not affect them at all. Zafer Unal will craft language to be included.

Zafer Unal suggested that the FEAP's be taken out of the syllabi since it is not a DOE program.

Zafer Unal moved that we approve the Early Childhood certificate pending changes. Jan Blake seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Next Meetings

- a. The next meeting will be November 16, Friday, at 10 am.
 - b. If necessary, we will also have a meeting on December 6, Thursday, at 10 am.
2. At 10:55 am, Motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

