

Minutes #335
College of Education Senate
January 31, 2005
3:15 p.m.
Dean's Conference Room

COE Senate Members Present: Reed, Staples, Nielsen, Gallagher, Deemer, Gable, Finn, Heston, Williams, Stone (for Couch Breitbach), Dean Cornett.

Visitors Present: Christine Canning, Aaron Spurr, Cherin Lee, Barry Wilson

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by Chair Gable.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Reed moved and Finn seconded that Minutes #334 of November 29, 2004 be approved. Motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. No old business to report.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Alternate Licensure:** Cherin Lee presented draft proposals for: 1) Post-Baccalaureate Licensure; 2) Alternative Licensure—Student Teaching; and Internship. Lee reported that teacher shortages are persistent in several subject areas. As a result, two years ago the Iowa Legislature passed legislation allowing both alternative and post-baccalaureate programs to be developed and implemented. To date, no major teacher education institution in Iowa has presented a proposal to the state for approval. The Council for Teacher Education CTE has approved the writing of proposals in both areas.
 - 1. **Post-Baccalaureate Licensure:** The University currently has several Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Programs in place but they do not operate under a consistent set of procedures and guidelines. The current proposal would formalize a process that already exists in many departments across campus. The program if approved would appear in the catalog, would articulate consistent information to prospective students and would identify specific procedures to follow.
 - 2. **Alternative Licensure—Student Teaching; and Alternative Licensure—Internship:** These proposals would create new programs for the University. Both proposals would apply to K-12 special area programs and grades 7-12 subject areas. They would not apply to the elementary level. Both include a sequence of university course work in teacher education. One allows an internship rather than student teaching while the other provides for a full student teaching experience prior to licensure.

3. Discussion focused on clarifications regarding the approval process and course work that would be required for each. Gable pointed out inaccurate terminology in that these programs do not provide for licensure. Rather they are alternative certification programs that would lead to licensure by the state—a subtle but significant difference. Barry Wilson reported on the political implications related to these program proposals.
 - b. COE Curriculum Review Policies Task Force:** Chair Gable requested that a COE Task Force be created by the Senate to write a set of procedures to guide the curriculum review policies. Aaron Spurr, Chair of the COE Curriculum Committee, reported that the Committee was guided by informal review procedures and had no formalized procedures to follow. While senators agreed that procedures needed to be written which would guide the COE Senate in the curriculum process, rather than establish a new task force, Chair Gable will solicit volunteers to create draft procedures. The draft proposal will be presented to the COE Senate at the February meeting. Curriculum proposals need to be submitted to the COE Senate by March 4 and the review will be completed at the March 21 meeting.
 - c. Invitation of the Provost:** The Provost has invited the COE Senate to meet with him to discuss current issues confronting the College and University. Chair Gable will pursue a meeting time the week of March 7th.
 - d. Honorary Degree:** Chair Gable presented the invitation for the COE to nominate a person for an honorary degree from UNI. No action taken at this time.
 - e. Executive Session:** Reed moved and Williams seconded that the COE Senate go into executive session. Stone moved and Staples seconded that the Senate rise from executive session. . Nominees were selected and names forwarded for the Class of 1943 Award for Excellence in Teaching and for the McKay Award.
- 5. Dean's Report:**
- a. PLS:** Dean Cornett reported that PLS student demographic data suggests that the school population is highly diverse. Enrollment has grown 6% in the last year.
 - b. Budget:** Current projections indicate that COE spending will exceed the budget if the rate of expenditure per month is not reduced for the remaining fiscal year.
 - c. Staffing:** All departments are in need of additional resources. Currently no new positions have been created and many lines are standing unfilled due to budget constraints.
- 6. Reed moved and Finn seconded that the meeting be adjourned.** Motion carried. The next COE Senate meeting will be held on Monday, February 21, 2005.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

**Lynn E. Nielsen,
COE Senate Secretary**