INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
EDUCATION COUNCIL

Friday, December 12, 2003
IU Kokomo
9:30-12:00 noon

MINUTES


1. Approval of minutes of the April 4, 2003 meeting.

- Minutes approved as presented.

2. New Constitution for the Education Council—Guy Wall (IUS)

- The Draft Constitution has been approved by IUK, IUN, IUS, IUE. Approvals needed from IUPU, IUUSB, and the IPFW School of Education.

- It is expected that the Constitution will be ratified at the April meeting.

3. New Draft By-Laws for the Education Council—Guy Wall (IUS)

- Guy Wall presented a draft for possible By-Laws of the Education Council. Council members discussed the draft and will review it after the new Constitution is ratified by the campuses.

- The By-Laws will be reviewed at the next Council meeting and possibly adopted.

4. Update on an Electronic Course Approval Process—Dave Kinman (IUB)

- Dave presented an updated version of an electronic Statewide Consultation and course tracking system for use on the Bloomington campus and offered other campuses the opportunity to use it. It was agreed that any campus desiring to use the system would let Dave know so that it could be customized for that campus.
5. Updates on Common Programs—Jill Shedd (IUB)

-Jill introduced Denise Wyatt, an academic advisor at IUB. Together, with input from the various campuses, they prepared a document, "Comparison of Select Undergraduate Education Program Curricula" for initial review and discussion of Council members. They also prepared two additional handouts titled "Elementary Education Program Summary" and "Secondary Education Program Summary" for Council members review.

-They requested that each campus hold discussions to update the accuracy of the three documents. Jill requested that each campus submit updates to Denise not later than the end of March so the updates will be available at the April Council Meeting. They hope to add additional program areas in the near future.

-Each campus was asked to consider two questions:
  -What can we learn from a review of the document?
  -What is special or unique about each program?

-Further discussion centered around the possibility of bringing program faculty together to discuss their own program in relation to other campus programs. It was suggested that perhaps the Early Childhood Education and Elementary faculty might be appropriate starting points.

-The meetings might focus on substantive questions or themes across the various programs presently in place. Topics such as pre-requisite courses, content and rigor of professional education courses were mentioned.

-Finally, it was decided that an agenda committee consisting of Khaula Murtada, Guy Wall, Janice Grošovic, and Diana Lambdin would provide leadership for these meetings.

6. Update on PeopleSoft / SIS Developments—Jill Shedd (IUB)

-Jill indicated that the last two coordinating council meeting had been postponed and that it was still in doubt if the system would be ready for Fall registration use.

7. Democratic Action Items for the School of Education—Khaula Murtada (IUPUI)

-Khaula asked Council members to consider the use of the authority of the Education Council to raise issues of a critical nature among different publics with whom we regularly have contact. She pointed out that this may be the time to respond to issues of great need such as NCLB and
diversity issues, and ENL/ESL developments in the state of Indiana. She asked Council members if we could “step-up to the plate” and act on what we believe. Is it possible for an IU position to be developed?

-Considerable discussion ensued.

8. Course and Program Articulation / Course Transferability — Diana Lambdin (IUB)

-The initial discussion involved resolving an articulation issue among the IU campuses and Vincennes University. The issue is that Education course H340, Education and American Culture, is linked to a 200 level course offered by Vincennes University titled “Foundations of Education” and thus a 200 level course is matched to an upper division course. Various approaches to resolving the issue were discussed.

-The Council decided to sponsor a video conference with each campus providing a knowledgeable person who teaches H340 (a program person) to meet via video conferencing during the third week in January. Diana Lambdin will serve as convener and make the arrangements for this meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Each campus was asked to check their respective articulation agreements to ensure that no 300 level courses were matched with 200 level or lower courses.

9. Next Education Council meeting (Friday, April 9, 2004 at IU Northwest)

10. Other Items

Respectfully submitted:

David Kinman