

Secondary Teacher Education Coordinating Committee (STECC)

\*DRAFT OF Minutes\*

November 7, 2014

10:00am-12:00pm

COE, Conference Room 356, Boca Campus

In attendance:

- Walter Hnatysh (Visual Arts and Art History)
- Myriam Ruthenberg (Languages and Linguistics)
- Ana Escuder (Mathematical Sciences)
- Marianne Sauna (Social Science)
- Susannah Brown (Art Education and Music Education)
- Penelope Fritzer (English Education and Social Science Education)
- Don Ploger (Mathematics Education)
- Andrew Brewer (Associate Director for Academic and Assessment Support)

Susannah Brown began the meeting with a review of minutes from the September meeting. Two corrections were noted: Penelope Fritzer should be also listed for Social Science Education and Susannah Brown should also be listed for Music Education.

Motion to accept the minutes with corrections by Penelope Fritzer, seconded by Walter Hnatysh. Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

Josephine Elliot was introduced by Susannah Brown. She completes the advising forms and information sheets for each degree program based upon the STECC member corrections and by approval from Dr. Barbara Ridener. The group thanked Josephine for her work.

All program changes completed on the forms. No updates currently from the members. A brief discussion of the new flight plans occurred. It was suggested that the new flight plans may take the place of advising forms that are currently in use. It was also suggested that scheduling information for specific courses that are not offered each semester by included on the information sheets to help advisors and students. Advising methods across different departments was discussed.

It was announced that catalog changes are due to the university by December 10<sup>th</sup>. Content course changes from various departments are going through the approval process and maybe presented to the STECC in the spring 2015 for discussion.

#### Department Reports

Walter Hnatysh- Art degree changes may replace Art Appreciation with Art History I, but this replacement is being decided by the Visual Art and Art History Department. Students would need to take Art History Survey 1 and 2 for the degree program. Specifics of the degree program changes will be discussed in spring 2015. If needed it was suggested that Susannah Brown could attend a faculty meeting for the Department of Visual Arts and Art History to clarify the degree program. He also announced the 2014 Arts Day on November 15<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-1pm which includes: music performances, dance rehearsals, backstage tours of the theatre, gallery tours,

studio tours and demonstrations, and workshops for the public. It was suggested that high school students might be interested in attending the event and that the event could be used as a recruitment tool.

Myriam Ruthenberg- She announced that FRE 4933 senior seminar will be offered more often in the future. Once decided upon by her department, she will share the rotation schedule to be included on the information sheets given to students and advisors. She would like to include notations of when the courses are offered (for specific courses). More information will be shared in the spring.

Don Ploger- Thanked the Math Department especially Stephen Locke and Lee Klinger for helping ensure the mathematics education degree is up to date. He brought up for discussion the concern that the education degree program has many credits and possibly a team of faculty could look at the degree program and consider what courses a mathematics teacher- grades 6-12 would need in order to be a successful teacher. He would like to discuss this issue further in the spring. He announced that his paper was accepted, "Computer Speech Recognition and Language Learning: A Case Study" at the 40th Anniversary Conference for Industry and Education Collaboration February 4-6, 2015 Palm Springs, CA. He hope to collaborate with someone who is fluent in French. He is continuing his work with Dr. Ravi Shankar in the College of Engineering on robots and solving mathematic problems with high school students.

Penelope Fritzer- no report at this time.

Ana Escuder- Mini Math Day November 22<sup>nd</sup> for students, teachers and parents. Also the AMC 8 math competition will be held at FAU. She mentioned that the department is continuing the math circles with teachers.

Marianne Sanua- Her department met with President Kelly and Provost Perry. The department is hoping to add new faculty searches since the professor of African American History has left FAU. The department wants to add a new course in the History of Africa. In February, there will be lecture by David McCullough which is open and free to the public.

Susannah Brown- Visual Art student teachers attended the Florida Art Education Association with her in October. Also, a graduate student presented at the conference. She mentioned that the Arts Day Walter discussed would be a great opportunity for high students and will reach out by sending the notice by email.

#### Conclusion of Department Reports

Motion to adjourn by Ana Escuder, seconded by Myriam Ruthenberg; all voted to approve.  
Meeting adjourned.

