

## **Exhibit 3.3.a.2 Advisory Committee on Education Minutes**

### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Minutes from the October 6, 2011 meeting

Present were: Rita Cron; Jim Decker; John Heyburn; Rhonda Jacobs, Sandy Ledford; David Marshall; Bob Pfaadt, Carole Pfeffer; Brenda Schmidt; Judy Thomas (for Leisa Schulz); Nicole Travis; Will Wells; Lynne Wheat; Lauren Pohl; Theresa Klapheke; Jean Green; Shannon Treece (for Tina Tipton); Carl Williams; Theresa Magpuri-Lavell; Kevin Thomas, Chris Walsh, Donald Paige; and Bernard Minnis.

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

**Dr. Bob Cooter**

Our ACE job is to bring you up to date on our programs but we want to hear from you:

- Emerging issues/concerns?
- What is it you wish new teachers can do better?

#### **Devotional**

**Dr. Chris Walsh**

Prayer/Poem from Archbishop Oscar Romero

#### **Approval of March 17, 2011 Minutes**

Moved to approve by Lauren Pohl; seconded by Nicole Travis; approved as submitted

#### **NCATE Re-accreditation Update**

**Dr. Anne Bucalos**

- Update on status of our NCATE accreditation including steady, continuous improvement through self-study.
- Dr. R Cooter thanked Anne for her leadership on this project
- NCATE official visit will be October 28 – 30, 2012
- All reports, data and documents are to be electronic and are due March 28, 2012 to be posted on a website
- Any ACE member can look at our programs and give us feedback
- We are measured by standards with Field Experiences and Clinical Practices as our “target” standard
- Using feedback from ACE on March 17, 2011, along with others, we added a Vision and reaffirmed our Theme and Mission statements
- Provided a handout with our program objectives and program offerings
- We welcome candid participation and ambassadors for our programs
- NCATE will want to talk with ACE members
- Judy Thomas asked how often accreditation visits occur – every seven years
- Anne Bucalos hopes to show the accreditation website at the next ACE meeting (May 10, 2012)

#### **Program Development Updates**

**Dr. Bob Cooter**

- Alternative Principal Certification
  - With assistance from EPSB, John Sizemore and Anne Bucalos developed and gained approval for an alternative certification for principals
- Ph.D. in Education & Social Change
  - Ph.D. was launched June 2011
  - Candidates can choose area of concentration from literacy, SPED, leadership, or and individual focus

- Enrollment is positive
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Cohort (June 2011) had 17 students
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Cohort (August 2011) had 11 students
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Cohort will begin January 2012
- Over 100 people have attended the information sessions
- Very confident the program will expand
- Hope to offer two cohorts per year in the future

**Thoughts from our Professional Learning Community**

**Dr. Kathy Cooter**

Divided into groups to discuss

- Ways we can improve current programs
  - Judy Thomas & Brenda Schmidt
    - Schools need feedback after BU students' field and student teaching – How do schools need to better serve BU students
    - Observation for the school culture
    - Teachers – content important / rapport critical
  - Will Wells, Nicole Travis & Rita Cron
    - Classroom management
    - Grading practices
    - Differentiated instruction
    - Teaching of reading & content literacy
    - Higher order thinking skills
      - Parallel skill sets across content & grades
  - David Marshall & Shannon Treese
    - Expand technology to meet kids where they are vs. glorified blackboard
    - Formative / summative assessment
  - Lynn Wheat; Carl Williams; Jean Green and Theresa Magpuri-Lavell
    - Vamp up planning skills
  - Kevin Thomas; John Heyburn
    - Strengthen our AFTSE faculty & increase retention
  - Sandy Ledford; Chris Walsh and Bernard Minnis
    - Social skills instruction in improving teacher and principal competency in understanding 21<sup>st</sup> Century kids
  - Rhonda Jacobs and David Paige
    - Move beyond “reflection” to action (If it doesn't work, try something different)
- Areas of need (e.g., ESL, Technology, STEM)
  - Strengthen Secondary Ed programs at MAT level
  - Add Foreign Language
  - Add ELL endorsement
  - Advanced SPED programs
    - Assistive technology
    - Educational diagnostician
  - Endorsement in student centered technology for the MAED
    - Cyber bullying
    - Empathy/reflection
  - Technology

**Wrap-up**

**Dr. Bob Cooter**

**Adjourned at 5:55**