

**Minutes from Meeting**  
**10:00am-12:00pm**  
**Rooms 2102 (Bloomington) and ES3138F (Indy)**

**Members Present:** Danielle DeSawal, Elizabeth Boling, Lara Lackey, Samantha Paredes Scribner, Kylie Peppler, Connie Ables, Susie Sloffer, and Ray Haynes

**Absent:** Beth Berghoff, Valarie Akerson, Rob Helfenbein, Ghangis Carter, and Martha Nyikos

**Staff:** Avital Deskalo

**Presenters:** Erna Alant and Ginette Delandshere

**I. New Business**

- A. **New Course Request K650, K680, and K600-** Erna Alant requested three new courses to add to the PhD. track in special education.
1. **K650 Paradigms and Policies of Special Education in the U.S.-** Susie stated that the course # K650 is free to use. However, under 8b on the course request form, Susie explained that PPSPED does not convey enough information. She suggested that PARA & POLSPEC ED IN US be used instead. Furthermore, it was decided that “methods” from 19b on the form should be removed.
    - *Danielle DeSawal motioned to approve K650 with the following changes: removal of “methods” from 19b, and change 8b recommended abbreviation to PARA & POL SPEC ED IN US.*
    - *Susie Sloffer moved to accept motion.*
    - *Ray Haynes seconded the motion.*
  2. **K680 Evidence-based Practice in Special Education-** Susie discussed a few changes that needed to be made to course K680. First, K680 is not available, so the course number (5a on the course request form) will be switched to K681. Furthermore, 8b, the recommended abbreviation, should be changed to EVID-BASED PRACT IN SPEC ED. Also, under 19b, “reading” should be added to the additional components. Susie also stated that she did not need to view a syllabus for K681; Erna only needs to complete the percentages under learning assessment in the essential syllabus information section. Other questions were raised as well. Danielle inquired whether K681 is an independent study. Erna responded that K681 is NOT an independent study.
    - *Danielle DeSawal motioned to approve K681 upon the following changes: change course number under 5a to K681, change 8b recommended abbreviation to EVID-BASED PRACT IN SPEC ED, and add “reading” to 19b.*
    - *Susie Sloffer moved to accept motion.*
    - *Connie Ables seconded the motion.*
  3. **K600 Introduction to Special Education Scholarship-** There were several changes that needed to be made to K600. K600 already exists so the course number (5a) needs to be changed to K601. Also, “scholarship” needed to be

added to the title in 8a. The recommended abbreviation in 8b should be changed to INTRO SPEC ED SCHOLARSHIP. Under 17a, J602 needs to be removed as an equivalent course. Furthermore, under 18c, 1 credit should be replaced to 3 credits. For 19b, remove “methods” and “studio”, and add “reading.”

- *Danielle DeSawal motioned to approve K601 upon the following changes: change course number under 5a to K601, add “scholarship” to 8a, change 8b to INTRO SPEC ED SCHOLARSHIP, remove J602 under 17a, replace 1 credit to 3 credits under 18c, and remove “methods” and “studio, and ADD “reading” to 19b.*
- *Lara Lackey moved to accept motion.*
- *Kylie Pepler seconded the motion.*

B. **Inquiry Methodology Program admission of second major.** The Inquiry Faculty proposed an admission policy that would be effective starting in fall 2011. According to the proposal, graduate students planning to apply for admission into the Ph.D. Inquiry Methodology program as a second major must apply within two years of being accepted into their first major. Lara inquired on whether two years is still too long. Ginette felt that two years is appropriate. Another question raised was how do we inform the students about this change? Could the policy be posted in the bulletin? It was suggested that the policy could be attached to the applications. The Inquiry Faculty will be grandfathering the policy, which indicates that the policy will be effective fall 2011 for new students to apply.

- *Danielle DeSawal motioned to approve the proposed policy Inquiry Methodology Program admission of second major.*
- *Samantha moved to accept the motion.*
- *Kylie Pepler seconded the motion.*

## II. **Review/Approval of minutes from November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- A. Add to motion for old business “with the changes outlined above.” Also, add to motion for new business under Graduate License in Exceptional Needs: High Incidence that this document is the document that moved forward to policy council.
- *Danielle DeSawal motioned to approve the minutes with the two changes in old business and new business*
  - *Ray Haynes moved to accept the motion.*
  - *Kylie Pepler seconded the motion.*

## III. **Discussion Items**

- A. **GPA for Fellowship Students and Conditional Admissions-** The first issue discussed concerned fellowships requiring a 3.7 GPA. Some questions were raised on whether this policy is necessary, or even desirable for the students. Other questions developed on if there is a similar policy for students with AI-ships. Are the majority of students with fellowships concerned with this policy? Furthermore, do we share this data with the state? If we do, we would have to take this fact into consideration if we decide to lower the GPA requirement. The committee decided to take action on this item next semester.

Next, the committee discussed conditionals admissions, and whether requiring a 3.7 in the first 9 credits (fellowship grades) is realistic? Would it be more feasible

to go for longer conditions and a more specific policy, such as requiring students to maintain a 3.5 with no single course grade lower than B-? The committee agreed that 3.7 is high for conditional admissions. In addition, the committee voiced that it might be beneficial to have a policy that demonstrates that graduate studies may add conditions. This topic will be discussed further next semester.

- B. **Committee Assignments: Beechler and Dissertation**- Kylie Pepler has decided to chair the Dissertation of the Year Award committee. Samantha Paredes Scribner decided to join the committee as well. Four members still need to be recruited for this committee; it would be beneficial to have a member from each department. Danielle DeSawal suggested to contact Nelda about last year's dates for the Dissertation of the Year Award. In regards to the Beechler Committee, Martha Nyikos and Valarie Akerson need to recruit one more colleague.

**The meeting concluded at 11:57 PM.**