

**Minutes from Meeting**  
**1:00-2:30 pm**  
**Rooms 2102 (Bloomington) and 3138B (Indianapolis)**

**Members Present:** Scott Bellini, John Hitchcock, Kelzie Beebe, Frank Di Silvestro, Cristina Santamaria Graff, Chad Christensen, Jessica Lester, Leslie Chrapliwy

**Ex-Officio Present:** Elizabeth Boling, Brendan Maxcy

**Members Absent:** Marjorie Manifold, Sam Museus, Ghangis Carter, Karen Franks, Chris Leland

**Staff:** Matt Boots, Tracey McGookey, Liyao Zhao

**Presenters:** Peter Kloosterman, Tom Brush

- I. Review and Approval of Minutes from August 29, 2016
  - *Frank Di Silvestro moved to approve the minutes from August 29, 2016, as presented.*
  - *Chad Christensen seconded the motion.*
  - *All in favor.*
  
- II. New Business
  - A. **Revision to Requirement for Electives in Math EdD**

The first item of business was a revision to the requirement for electives in the Math EdD program. Peter Kloosterman presented and fielded questions on this item. He noted that, currently, in this degree program, students are required to choose from electives outside of the major, minor, or inquiry courses. The proposal is to allow the student's program committee to decide whether the student can take electives inside the minor/major, given that many students come into the program with a master's degree from another area, like curriculum development, sociology, and so on. The faculty in C&I department voted on this item via e-mail; the vote was 13-1 in favor of the change.

    - *Scott Bellini moved to approve the revision to requirement for electives in Math EdD, as presented.*
    - *Jessica Lester seconded the motion.*
    - *All in favor.*
  
  - B. **Revision to Requirement for IST Certificate**

The second item of business was a revision to the requirement for the IST certificate Tom Brush presented and fielded the questions. He noted that in this program, students could typically take R541 or R547 as a production class, but that these courses are not

officially listed this way on the program of study. The proposal was to make it official that these courses that can be taken for production credit.

- *Frank Di Silvestro moved to approve the change revision to requirement for IST certificate, as presented.*
- *Chad Christensen seconded the motion.*
- *All in favor.*

**C. Proposal for Test of English Proficiency**

The third item of business regarded a proposed to change the accepted tests for English proficiency when admitting students for study. Boling noted that currently, the SoE accepts only the TOEFL exam for international students; her proposal was for the committee to approve, in principal, the SoE's acceptance of two additional exams: Pearson's PET exam, and the IELTS, with the expectation that the SoE would determine minimum scores at a later date. Boling described some superficial differences between the exams, such as online availability, cost, and minimum scores that departments on campus have instituted (79 for TOEFL; 6.5 for IELTS; and 53 for PET). She also mentioned that various departments on campus, as well as other schools across the country, have not had significant concern about one exam being "easier" than others. Several committee members voiced a desire to learn more about the two exams that are not currently accepted by the SoE, especially the Pearson exam, a relatively new exam. Ultimately, the committee decided to table the item until more information about why other departments adopted these exams is procured.

- *Jessica Lester moved to table this item until more information is presented to the GSC at future meetings.*
- *Scott Bellini seconded the motion.*
- *All in favor.*

**D. Policy for Faculty to Request Exemption form the Indiana English Proficiency Exam (IEPE)**

The fourth item of business regarded the policy for faculty requesting that students be waived from taking the IEPE. There were two proposed changes to current policy: (1) students who acquired English language early in life would be considered for a waiver and (2) applicants who have lived and worked in a country where English is the official language or an official language could be considered for a waiver.

- *Scott Bellini moved to approve the policy with the following changes: in the second bullet point, change the language to "Applicant has lived and worked in a country where English is the official language or an official language..."*
- *Jessica Lester seconded the motion.*

➤ *All in favor.*

E. **Approval Process for Graduate Course and Program Proposal**

The fifth item of business was an informational item only; it regarded an approval process for a Graduate Course and Program Proposal in the SoE. Boling noted that this proposal process document will be posted online.

III. Discussion Items

A. **Subcommittees**

a. **Beechler Committee**

Jessica Lester volunteered to chair the Beechler Committee; Frank Di Silvestro and Kelzie Beebe volunteered to be the members on the committee.

b. **Outstanding Dissertation Fellowship Committee**

Sam Museus volunteered to chair the Outstanding Dissertation Fellowship Committee; Cristina Santamaria Graff volunteered to serve on this committee. Boling will recruit four more members for this committee from each department except for ELPS.

c. **Dean's Fellowship**

Chad Christensen volunteered to chair the Dean's Fellowship Committee; Scott Bellini and Ghangis Carter volunteered to be the members on this committee.