



The mission of the Education Department is to develop reflective decision-makers who are passionate, ethical school leaders, well prepared in the scholarship, methodology, and professionalism of teaching to successfully cultivate the diverse gifts of each student.

**SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE
TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM**

COOPERATIVE COUNCIL

**May 18, 2011
Madeleva Hall, 254B**

Karen Van Meter welcomed everyone and introductions were made. She updated on changes in the Education Department. Dr. MaryAnn Traxler is Department Chair. Dr. Kitty Green is the NCATE Coordinator and is now the Assessment Consultant to the Department. Karen VanMeter is now the Licensing Advisor.

Kitty Green explained the results of the NCATE visit in December. We will have a focused visit regarding Standard 2 in the fall of 2012. Kitty explained the Department Assessment Plan that has been submitted to the Senior Vice President, Dean of Faculty.

Mrs. VanMeter explained changes in Licensing.

We discussed issues regarding Field Placements and the clinical experience. Once again the topic revolved around ELL and diverse faculty. As per the Council's suggestion, we have added questions to the Final Field Evaluation to get information on ELL.

- Future Education Department decisions
 - What does the data tell us?
 - Department Retreat 5/25/11
 - Close partnership with Institutional Research that is currently analyzing:
 - Praxis II scores [2008—current]
 - Dispositions [Step 1, Step 2, Step 3]
 - Exit Surveys from student teachers
 - Rubrics from Oral Presentations of Critical Analysis
 - Rubrics from Oral Presentations of Education Portfolio
 - Workshop on Inter-rater reliability—August, 2011

- Is there additional information needed to sufficiently guide our decision-making?
- What should be the role of pre-service teachers in IEP Case Conferences and/or Parent-Teacher Conferences?