

Saint Mary's College
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
FACULTY MEETING MINUTES February 23, 2011

With a noted correction, minutes were read and approved for the February 9, 2011 meeting.

Announcements

- MaryAnn presented a copy of the acceptance/non-acceptance letters that include the PRAXIS I alternatives that students will receive after completion of their application.
- E M's health is improving. She is out of ICU and moved to the 5th floor. Arrangements are not complete with regards to her spring education courses.
- Faculty will make their final changes to the fall schedule.

New faculty position

- MaryAnn informed faculty that we have received 6 applications. One candidate has withdrawn due to the deadline date. She passed out forms that were used previously and asked everyone to read the applications and make notes. Also, MaryAnn will check with Debby Kelly if there are certain procedures or forms that need to be used for interviewing. A special meeting will take place on March 23rd to review the candidates' applications.

Ireland Program

- Nancy discussed a proposal that would allow our students the opportunity to do an exchange program with students from Ireland during spring break. She is working with Elaine Meyer-Lee on the proposal.

Templeton Foundation proposal

- John Cavadini has asked the department to participate in a proposal with the Templeton Foundation. MaryAnn requested the faculty to read and consider the proposal.

REPA Licensures

- MaryAnn and faculty went through the list of licensures and chose the content areas and grade levels that are to be grandfathered under the new REPA guidelines.

College Bulletin

- Courses and titles were discussed and changed to reflect middle school. MaryAnn will send the changes to Ryan Dombkowski (Chair, Curriculum Committee) for approval from the Curriculum Committee.

Committees

- AWP – A Guide to the Advanced Writing Proficiency Portfolio and the pre-service teacher standards and rubric was presented by Insook. Insook explained the changes.

Assessment

- Kitty handed out a draft of the Assessment Plan. This was due to Patricia in December, but it will provide a systematic way to assess candidate performance, program quality, and unit operations. This plan will expedite data collection, analysis, and decision-making.

Education Club

- Next week the club will meet for the election of juniors. Reservations for Hooding have been completed.