

Saint Mary's College
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
FACULTY MEETING MINUTES January 23, 2012

Announcements

MaryAnn and Karen did a presentation at the administrators' meeting of the South Bend Community School Corporation regarding field study and student teaching on January 11th. 70 or so administrators were in attendance. A new representative for the school system will be working with Karen on placements for our students.

The date for the Teacher Education Committee meeting has been changed to Tuesday February 21st at 3:15-4:15 p.m.

MaryAnn and Karen will attend the IACTE meeting on Friday, January 27th in Indy regarding Teacher Performance Assessment and REPA 2.

Agenda

MaryAnn asked for an update on the references that were called by faculty on the two candidates that were interviewed over the phone last week. The results that faculty reported were very positive on both candidates. MaryAnn told faculty we had several other candidates who applied and their files were available to read.

The second AWP paper for junior elementary education students, Critical Reflection on the Standards, is due February 15th. Nancy will present the guidelines posted on Blackboard to her classes. March 28th is the final date for all the revisions.

Amy and Joe Incandela will do a presentation on the benefits of a flipped classroom on February 8, noon-1:00 p.m. in Mother Pauline Seminar Room of the Library.

Junior Critical Reflection on the Standard Oral Presentations will be April 23rd. There will be 12 sessions of 5 students per group.

Nancy explained a draft of her proposed Educ 201 Foundations of Teaching in a Multicultural Society course that will be submitted for consideration as an LO1 (Professional Arts) and an LO3 option in the Sophia program. Courses submitted for LO1 must meet all three sub-outcomes in order to be approved. Nancy shared these sub-outcomes and also the choice of LO3 Intercultural Competence (A) for the course. A course alignment chart was developed which included topics by week, correlated course outcomes, SMC Teacher Candidate Standards, and Liberal Learning Outcomes. This chart and other changes to the syllabus related to general education were examined. Finally, the rationale for selection of the outcomes was reviewed. Faculty supported the draft of the syllabus and did not indicate any needed changes.

MaryAnn proposed the idea of gift certificates for Guest Speaker honorariums.

MaryAnn asked faculty to let her know who will want a student assistant for next year. She also discussed sharing a student worker.

Karen reported that she has two meetings this week with the Co-operating Teachers in VanderVennet at the Student Center. Also, she is working on completing placements for the students.

MaryAnn stressed the importance of checking GPA's on incoming students to the department.

NCATE

The Assessment Retreat will be held on February 24th at noon. The Assessment Committee is currently disaggregating PRAXIS II scores for all our students over the past 3 years. They are preparing the information for the Teacher Education Committee and for the Assessment Retreat. Kitty will also go over the pre-post disposition surveys from 1st semester Educ 201.

On Wednesday (1/25) and Friday (1/27), the candidates (Chemistry Department) will do a presentation at 1:00 p.m. in Room 132 Science Bldg.