Basic Program Curriculum Committee  
Meeting Minutes  

April 23, 2008  
Dean’s Conference Room 

Attendance: Irma VanScoy (Associate Dean), Alisa Lowrey, Lynda Tilley, Joseph Flora, Herman Knopf, Tina Hall, Emmie May, Rob Dedmon, Bud Hult (Acting Chair and Secretary), Christian Borkowski (EDST Student Rep.)

1 Bud Hult, acting committee chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00pm and the minutes of the March 19 meeting were approved as written.

2 Old Business:  
Discussion focused on part one of the curriculum change for BA in EDEC which was approved at the March 19 meeting. (Please refer to the March 19 meeting minutes). At this meeting, Dean VanScoy had recommended that all other undergraduate programs may want to initiate the same requirement and regulation. Tina Hall stated that the faculty in Physical Education did not want to make these changes for their undergraduate program.

3 New Business:  
a. Report from the Associate Dean:  

*Conversion to Electronic Distribution of Paperwork:* Dean VanScoy reported that the Advanced Programs and Governance Committee wants to change to a communication format involving electronic posting and thus eliminate much of the paper distribution of the committee work. She asked if the committee would be in favor of such a change for future meetings. This idea for a change in format was generally supported by the committee.

*Schedule Meeting for May:* Dean VanScoy also mentioned that the committee may need to meet in May pending the results of the upcoming ITE department meeting. The meeting date was set for May 7 at 1:00pm in the Dean’s Conference Room.

b. EDPY 401, Change Course Number 
Discussion then focused on the proposed change in course number from EDPY 401 to EDPY 201. Dean VanScoy suggested that the change from EDPY 401 to EDPY 205 might be better to avoid confusion with already existing course numbers. It was noted that such a change should be supported by all programs (such as music and art education) whose students are required to take this course for certification. Given this concern, Dean VanScoy suggested that the committee postpone any action on this proposal until such communication is completed next fall.

c. EDTE 335, New Course Proposal 
The committee next considered the new course proposal, EDTE 335, Culturally Relevant Pedagogy. Several questions and concerns were raised: 1) Is the course required or an
elective? 2) What is the targeted population and what should be the appropriate course title? 3) Early Childhood Education needs to clarify how this new course would fit into that program. 4) The selected topics of the proposed course need to be more clearly identified and aligned with the proposed course title. After further discussion, it was decided that the committee would not take action on the proposal until these questions and concerns were adequately addressed. It was also suggested that Dr. Boutte should be present at the next committee meeting when this proposal would again be considered.

d. Curriculum Change - Middle Level Education

Two changes were proposed in section 4. Content Area Specialization (36-41) of the Middle Level Education Curriculum of the current (2007-2008 Undergraduate Bulletin). First, MATH 531 Foundations of Geometry (3) should be changed to: MATH 602 An Inductive Approach to Geometry 222 Basic Concepts of Elementary Mathematics II or MATH 531 Foundations of Geometry (3). Second, STAT 516 Statistical Methods II (3) (if STAT 506 was not taken should be added after STAT 515 Statistical Methods I (3)

After brief discussion, the committee approved this proposal as worded.

4 Next Meeting Date: The next committee meeting (if needed) is scheduled for May 7, 2008 at 1:00pm.in the Dean’s Conference Room. Joseph Flora agreed to call the first committee meeting in the fall of 2008.

5 Good of the Order: As a concern for next fall, Dean VanScoy mentioned that we need to think about whether or not we want students to have minors in their programs. This would apply to both undergraduate students in education programs as well as students in other colleges seeking minors in education.

6 Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Bud Hult, Committee Secretary