TSPC Licensure Program Coordinators
February 17, 2010
9:00-10:30 a.m.
Education 119

In attendance: Jeff Edmundson, Cindy Herr, Margaret Mahoney, Emma Martin, Margit Mayr-McGaughey, Kim Sherman, Ron Tuomi, Angie Whalen

TSPC Updates

- New SPED standards have been adopted by TSPC. The Commission is asking all Special Education programs to come forward by next November for program re-approval. The College may be allowed to provide a simpler approval template since our programs were just reviewed by TSPC. Keith Menk will develop a template that all programs will fill out and there will most likely be another special meeting for programs to present.

- Adoption of new National Evaluation Series (NES) tests will take the place of the Praxis II content tests beginning on September 1, 2010. The list for what tests are being replaced will be available on the website in June. The NES tests are all computer-based for licensure and endorsement tests. The University will no longer have a testing site to administer these new tests but the College is working with the UO Testing Center to see if it can remain as a testing site. A question was raised as to what the required time frame will be before a student is allowed to take the test again if they fail.

- Civil Rights Test-The only exception to the test requirement is for candidates in Oregon-approved programs who enrolled in pre-service coursework to meet the test requirement and apply for licensure before September 1, 2010.

- Speech Pathology-There was discussion surrounding the issue of licensure for speech pathologists. Speech pathologists will continue to be licensed by both the Oregon Licensure Board of Examiners and TSPC. TSPC voted to retain credentialing for speech pathologists in the schools.

Career Beginnings
The number of students that have registered to attend is low. Discussion took place around the timing of the event in the year and having it on a Saturday. There is also the idea of rather than holding a big event that instead individual workshops will be offered throughout the year.

Title II-Higher Education Act
Teacher preparation programs are required to provide more information to the federal government under the new Title II act. Margaret will email the form electronically to program coordinators, to be completed with data from the 2008-09 academic year. These forms should be
returned to Margaret by spring break. She will consolidate the program information and submit the college report electronically in early April.

**Miscellaneous**
It was suggested by program coordinators that the College have something on the website listing what tests are required by each program, costs for tests and clarifying issues around the Civil Rights test.