Consortium for the Improvement of Professional Education
November 30, 2010
5:30pm-7:30pm
HEDCO 230T

In attendance: Karen Antikian, Edane Applegate, Carmelita Bradley, Mike Bullis, Michelle Epperson, Carol Fernlund, Elizabeth Fine, Cheryl Linder, Dean Livelybrooks, Margaret Mahoney, Margit Mayr McGaughey, Emily Nuding, Mary Lou Pickard, Shasta Quigley, Taylor Schreiber, Damien Schwartz, Kim Sherman, Surendra Subramani, Tracy Terrall, Stacy Torres, Peter Tromba, Larry Williams

Special Guests: Carrie Beck, Jeff Edmundson, Cindy Herr, Phil McCullum

Introductions
Peter Tromba, Consortium Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, and described the role of the Consortium in the College of Education. All members introduced themselves.

Welcome to the College of Education-Mike Bullis
Mike gave an overview of the College of Education which included information about faculty tenure searches and additional hires confirmed for next year, the new university budget model and its implications for programmatic changes in the COE to insure quality and efficiency, Ken Merrell, faculty member in Special Education & Clinical Sciences who was diagnosed with cancer over the summer, and the case of Andrea Wiggins, former Assistant Dean for COE Advancement, who died last March. Her death is being investigated as a homicide, and there may be news in the media after the first of the year.

Consortium Roles and Responsibilities-Margaret Mahoney
The Consortium is a group that represents a variety of constituents of the College of Education and is required by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC). Margaret reviewed the roles and responsibilities described by Peter, and outlined in the by-laws. She suggested that the group may want to consider revising the by-laws this year, as they have not been updated since 1994. She also asked members to review the roster information for accuracy and let Tiffany know if any changes should be made.

Special Educator Major Program Modification: Proposal to TSPC-Cindy Herr
SPED faculty member and program coordinator for the Middle/Secondary Special Educator program provided a summary of major program changes proposed for fall 2011, upon TSPC approval. These proposed changes are based on feedback from students over the past several years, and faculty discussion of the new SPED licensure standards implemented a year ago.
- Change the current one year program to a two year Master’s Special Education program with practica sequence.
Licensure recommendations will be made for both early childhood/elementary and middle/secondary authorizations, as students will complete coursework and practica appropriate for all levels.

Handouts were distributed that listed the proposed curriculum in the new two year program. Cindy addressed questions raised by the group.

**Reading Endorsement Program Proposal-Jeff Edmundson, Phil McCullum, Carrie Beck**

Faculty members in Ed Studies, Educational Methodology, Policy and Leadership, and the Center for Teaching and Learning described a new COE Reading Endorsement proposal that will go before TSPC in February for approval. Highlights of the proposal include:

- Collaboration between departments to offer prospective reading endorsement candidates a choice based on their professional goals.
  - Two specializations: Literacy/Leadership-for those individuals who want to be reading specialists and/or design reading plans at the school/district level or higher, and Multilingual/Multiliteracy for teachers who want to improve their knowledge and expertise working with students in their classroom whose first language is not English.
- A set of four common core courses, including practica, with additional coursework based on specialization
- Tutoring opportunities in the HEDCO Reading Clinic to gain hands-on experience

Handouts were distributed that listed the program proposal in detail. Jeff, Carrie and Phil addressed questions raised by the group.

**Future Items and Agenda Items**

Members will receive emails with meeting materials two weeks prior to future meetings. Members are welcome and encouraged to suggest agenda items. Send an email to Margaret if you would like to add something to the agenda.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 18.