

**MINUTES**  
**PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL**  
**Wednesday, October 12, 2005– 2:00 pm**  
**Academic Complex 118**

Members present: Sam Evans, Chair. Retta Poe, Mark Robinson, April Glover, Heather Johnson, Robyn Swanson, Nedra Atwell (for Janice Ferguson), Doris Sikora, Cynthia Mason, Carl Myers, Thad Crews, Jane Brantley, Chris Wagner, Heather Pulliam, Beverly Siegrist, David Lenoir (for Alex Poole), Toby Daniel (for Rico Tyler), Kaye Gordon, Ric Keaster -- Guests: Donna Blackburn, Steve Nagy

Dr. Evans called the meeting to order. The minutes from the September 14, 2005 meeting were approved as they appeared on the web. He introduced two new members to the Council--April Glover, the undergraduate student member, and Beverly Siegrist from the Nursing Department.

**From the Office of Teacher Services**-- Kaye Gordon presented a list of candidates completing requirements for Admission to Teacher Education, September 14, 2005 through October 12, 2005. Doris Sikora moved approval of this list, seconded by Nedra Atwell. The motion was approved.

**From the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences – Department of Curriculum and Instruction** -- Proposal to Create a New Course – ENVE 585, Special Topics in Environmental Education. Nedra Atwell moved approval seconded by Robyn Swanson. Terry Wilson was present to talk about the rationale for this course. Steve Nagy from Public Health shared concerns about environmental health personnel accepting these courses as meeting requirements for environmental health related positions. The motion then passed.

Next from CEBS was the second reading of Conceptual Framework, Western Kentucky University's professional Education Unit. Chris Wagner moved approval, seconded by Robyn Swanson. After a short discussion, this motion passed. Sam Evans informed the Council that this would be effective immediately.

**From the College of Health and Human Services—Department of Nursing** -- Proposal to Create a New Course – NURS 411, School Health Nursing. Nedra Atwell moved approval, seconded by Heather Johnson. Beverly Siegrist explained the rationale for this new course and the motion was approved.

Proposal to Revise a Certificate Program – School Nurse Certification. Nedra Atwell moved approval, seconded by Toby Daniel. Beverly Siegrist explained the rationale for this revision. After a few editorial changes were mentioned, the motion passed.

Toby Daniel announced a workshop on Praxis II on October 26<sup>th</sup> through the Minority Recruitment Services Office. Sam informed the members that the pass rate is up for the Praxis II. He again encouraged members to tell students to take the Praxis II in the fall of their last year if possible. He also stated that we would be getting more information soon on the New Teacher Survey from the Standards Board.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Susan Krisher, Secretary