

University High School Keystone Council Meeting
November 4, 2008

1:00 pm, Library Conference Room

In attendance: Brian Conant, Jeff Hill, Mike Sondgeroth, Steve Wilder, Diane Walker, Dixie Lewis, Andy Davis, Mark Feaster, Shyla Anderson, Kim Rojas (2008-09 Council)
Absent: Jim Potter, Janeice Ives

Approval of (month) Minutes: **Mark Feaster** motioned to approve the minutes.
Mike Sondgeroth seconded.

1. Informational Items – none

2. Subcommittee Reports

A. Personnel – no report

B. Student Conduct – no report

C. Co-Curricular – no report

D. Shared Governance – no report

E. School Development

This subcommittee met on October 23, 2008. Brian Conant reported that the committee will re-think the goals that are currently stated on the Pioneer Plan for Progress for School Development. They are going to look at how to use College Readiness Scores in order to give a “snapshot” of a student’s progress based on the standardized test scores. This data will also give us information on achievement and progress the various sub-groups within our student population. Karen Valouche will be meeting with this subcommittee to talk about the information already gathered by the counseling department about each student’s college readiness score. Karen will also discuss ways in which to use the accumulated data to improve our teaching.

F. Clinical Experiences

Membership is very large for the 2008-2009 school year. Meetings will be held the first Tuesday of every month. This subcommittee presently does not have new goals for the year, but rather wants to maintain quality clinical experiences. Some new goals may come in December with the use of technology in the clinical experiences.

Calendar for clinicals: December 2nd is last day for clinical experiences. Teaching should be finished by Thanksgiving. If teaching occurs before Thanksgiving, students must continue to come and observe, perform teacher-aid work, or teach in the classroom until Thanksgiving break.

For Spring 2009, clinical experiences will begin after the meeting on February 4th. Teaching can begin after March 16, with the clinical experience ending on April 24. It is preferable for the teaching to be completed on or before April 17.

NCATE diversity update: As a response to NCATE requirement to make student teaching more diverse, the Council for Teacher Education passed a new “Diverse Field Experience Framework” which will have implications on the locations clinical students can do their pre-service observations. The “Diverse Field Experience Framework” is as follows:

- *All teacher education candidates will be required to have at minimum 50 hours of diverse field experiences.*

- *These 50 hours will be part of the existing 100 clinical hours prior to student teaching.*
- *Experiences would meet the CTE approved definition of diverse field experiences (approved on 9/2/08).*
- *If a teacher candidate did not complete the minimum 50 hours of diverse field experiences prior to student teaching, a diverse student-teaching experience would need to be located for the student.*

The 50 hours will be divided between the three teacher education constituents:

- EAF will assume 10 clinical hours*
- C&I will assume 20 clinical hours*
- Program Areas will assume 20 clinical hours*

Please note that experiences are not limited to a school setting:

- *Boys and Girls Clubs,*
- *Special Olympics,*
- *After School Programs, etc.*

Note: Graduate programs will be responsible for developing appropriate diverse field experiences for their students.

According to Molly Munson-Dryer, who presented at the last Clinical Experience Subcommittee meeting, the only schools in the area that meet two of the NCATE diversity criteria are Bloomington High School and Normal West Community High School.

This will not affect our C&I 216 students working in our building, but the hours of the C&I 212 observers will be reduced as they will complete more clinical hours in a high school with a more diverse setting.

G. Parent/School Relations – no report

H. School Safety – no report

3. Additional Items:

- A. Technology Plan – no report
- B. Internship Program -- The internship program presently has 6-8 applications that have been filed and is still collecting applications. Selections will start to be made this month.
- C. Induction Program -- The induction program has had two meetings for Fall 2008: one on U-High culture and one on clinical experiences. Two more meetings will be held in Spring 2009: one on technology and one on assessment. These induction meetings are for non-tenured faculty and are lead by current faculty members.

Move to Adjourn: Diane Walker made a motion to adjourn. Mike Sondgeroth seconded.

The next Keystone meeting: will be Wednesday, December 3 at 1:00

Submitted by:

Kimberly Rojas

Keystone Council Secretary