

## School Wide Curriculum Committee Minutes

September 18, 2007

Room 210 AB

Members Present: Dana Fredebaugh, Karen Bowser, Jan Yates, Marcelo Castro, Wren Newman, Jamie Manburg, Don Gainey, Meline Kevorkian, Linda Howard. Wayne Driscoll also attended the meeting.

This meeting was held during the quarterly faculty retreat by prior arrangement. Due to this arrangement, forty-five minutes were available for this meeting. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Linda Howard.

Following a brief welcome and introductions, minutes of the previous meeting of June 27, 2007 were approved. Meline Kevorkian provided an update on master's and Ed Specialist programs. There are three new programs: Special Ed, Ed Leadership, and Pre-K-Primary. Some credits will transfer to the EdD program.

General discussion was held regarding the Problem Based Learning (PBL) initiatives. More information will be forthcoming from the executive deans. Dr. Driscoll stressed that whatever form the PBL initiatives take, the role of the SWCC should be syllabus oversight. Other discussion focused on integrating of PBL tools into the entire curriculum at all levels.

Stan Hannah was unable to join the meeting by telephone, as previously scheduled, due to a family health commitment. He will be invited to the next meeting to update the SWCC on his role in the NSU-wide Curriculum Committee.

Other discussion focused on remediation of student writing deficiencies. Karen Bowser stated that a pilot program to address writing deficiencies will begin in early 2008. Remedial courses will be based on specific writing deficiencies as noted in the diagnostic instrument to be administered to students. There was also discussion of student writing remediation as a possible area for adjunct staff development.

The Doctoral Studies Orientation (DSO) will be online rather than face to face as in the past.

Due to schedule constraints, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. Next scheduled meeting date: December 12, 2:30 p.m. Room will be announced at a later date.