

**MINUTES**  
**Nova Southeastern University**  
**Masters of Science and Educational Specialist**  
**Graduate Teacher Education Program**  
**M.S. AND ED.S. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Third Floor Conference Room, North Miami Beach**  
**May 1, 2007, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

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**Participants:** Drs. Julie Alemany, Mel Coleman, Mary Collins, Ken Dose, Dana Fredebaugh, Laura Fuchs, Linda Goldsmith, Audrey Henry, Marliese Hogan, George Iber (Chair), Meline Kevorkian, Mary Kolesinski, Sidi Lakhdar, Gabriela Mendez, Alejandra Parra, Wilma Robles de Melendez, David Ross (for Judy Stein), Zandra Stino, Angie Su, and Jan Yates (Scribe).

**Item 1. Welcome / Announcements**

**Discussion:** George welcomed the group.

**Outcome:** None.

**Item 2. Approval of Minutes of April, 2007**

**Discussion:** Mary moved (Marliese seconded) that the minutes be approved.

**Outcome:** The minutes were unanimously approved.

*Syllabi Review*

**Item 3. Review of syllabi:**

- **ENG 765: Theory and Practice in Teaching Global Literature (Linda Goldsmith)**

**Discussion:** All programs need to include the *Competencies and Skills* (11<sup>th</sup> edition) that are linked at <http://www.firn.edu/doe/sas/ftce/ftcecomp.htm>. The *Competencies and Skills* cover the areas that are tested through the Florida Teacher Certification Examination. Dana moved (Marliese seconded) that the syllabus for ENG 765 be approved.

**Outcome:** ENG 765 was unanimously approved.

- **MAT 504 - Algebra in Secondary Schools, Angie Su**

**Discussion:** This syllabus addresses the new Sunshine State Standards. Dana moved (Marliese seconded) that the syllabus for MAT 504 be approved.

**Outcome:** MAT 504 was unanimously approved.

*Discussion Items*

**Item 4. SB 2512 Reading/ESOL amendment proposal, George Iber**

**Discussion:** Current ESOL endorsed teachers need to take three courses to become certified to teach reading. HB 1219 was approved. SB 2512 may go into effect in June 2007. What is currently being proposed through the Florida Legislature is that reading-endorsed teachers are considered to be subject area teachers. The reading-endorsed teachers only need one course to become ESOL-endorsed. The META Agreement is currently being discussed in the Florida Legislature. Having been reviewed by the FSEHS Office of Academic Affairs, the REESOL program is in process with Dr. Singleton. This program will need to go through a new program review with Dr. DePiano's Office. .

**Outcome:** Copies of analyses of the Reading/ESOL amendment are provided at <http://www.leg.state.fl.us/data/session/2007/House/bills/analysis/pdf/h1219.KT.pdf> (HB 1219) and <http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Documents/loaddoc.aspx?FileName=2007s2512.ea.doc&DocumentType=Analysis&BillNumber=2512&Session=2007> (SB 2512). New degree programs that are in process at NSU can be viewed at <http://www.nova.edu/newprograms/>.

**Item 5. XXX 699 scheduling, Jan Yates**

**Discussion:** Should program professors schedule XXX 699 (Applied Professional Experience) courses during Summer I and Summer II? If not, information on the availability of these courses needs to be added to program outlines. Gissel Lozano maintains the program outlines. Meline will request an advising representative to participate with this committee. (The advisors meet bi-weekly.) If XXX 699 courses are spread over two sessions, students would have to meet a requirement of being enrolled in (not having completed) 24 credit hours. If program professors decide to change the offerings of the XXX 699 courses, they need to let Dana know so that she can change the application and revise the enrollment process. XXX 699 courses could be offered for 16 weeks, but this schedule would eliminate enrollment for Fall II and Winter II.

**Outcome:** Program professors need to contact John Lustig ([lustig@nova.edu](mailto:lustig@nova.edu)) if they want to attend the advisors' meetings. Some programs will continue to offer XXX 699 courses during Summer I (ESOL and PreK-Primary). Most will only offer this course during the fall and winter semesters.

**Item 6. Conference Notifications, News, or Reviews, Applicable Faculty**

**Discussion:** None.

**Outcome:** No items were discussed.

**Item 7. Other (M.S. to Ed.D.)**

**Discussion:** English Education students who want to transition from the M.S. to the Ed.D. found that there are no minors in their specialization. There will be a review process through the FSEHS Office of Academic Affairs to approve program minors. This process will not work for every specialization, but there will be a special committee to review syllabi. A total of 15 credits may be allowed for transfer. Dr. Mills and Dr. Packer are developing this process now. There is a possibility that syllabi will need to be modified, i.e., change from 8 to 15 weeks and add more content if these will be used as Ed.D. courses.

**Outcome:** Information on this process will be announced.

**Other (Staffing)**

**Discussion:** Some program professors are having problems with staffing courses during Summer I and Summer II because of limits on the number of courses that faculty and adjuncts can teach, i.e., some instructors are "capped" out.

**Outcome:** There may be future changes on the number of courses that faculty and adjuncts can teach each term.

**Next Meeting:** June 5, 2007, 10:00 - 12:00, Room 317

**Call-in Number:** (866) 246-6862, Pass code 966319

**Resources:** GTEP Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

<http://www.nova.edu/~yates/gtepcurriculumcommittee.htm>

**FSEHS Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes**

<http://www.schoolfed.nova.edu/oaa/committees.htm>

**FSEHS Policies at FIN**

[http://fin.nova.edu/depts/policy\\_board/fsehs\\_policies.htm](http://fin.nova.edu/depts/policy_board/fsehs_policies.htm)