◆ Licensure Committee Advisory Council Minutes ◆
October 12, 2010 4:00-5:30pm

Date: 10/12/2010

Time: 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Location: MLC Library Board Room

Attendees: Chuck Beitlich, Ken Board, Joel Boehlke, Shelly Boelter, Andrea Harder, Kim Haroldson, Lance Hartzell, Bob Klindworth, Cheryl Loomis, Jill Morgan, Barb Polzin, Paul Tess, Steve Weber, Gina Dunham, Cindy Whaley.

Call to Order: *(4:02pm)*

- Dr. Whaley called the meeting to order with welcome and introductions.
  - Welcomed back Ken Board as Advisory Council Assistant
  - Welcomed new Administrative Assistant in the Education Office, Gina Dunham
  - Welcomed new members to the Advisory Council:

    * Shelly Boelter, Community Representative, Insurance Account Representative
    * Andrea Harder, Lafayette Charter School, Teacher
    * Kim Haroldson, Jefferson Elementary School, Teacher

- Dr. Whaley explained the idea behind the Licensure Advisory Council
  - The council meets at least twice a year to provide information regarding licensure updates.
  - The council should include members from local schools as well as community representatives. Teachers and administrators from all levels: Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary should be represented on the council.
  - The council is voluntary and can provide suggestions, concerns, or ideas to Martin Luther College.

Approval of Minutes for April 20, 2009 Meeting *(4:12pm)*

- Approved by: Barb Polzin
- Seconded by: Joel Boehlke

Licensure Concerns *(4:13pm)*

- Joel Boehlke asked about the new reflective statement
  - Dr. Whaley stated that a new technology piece will be added to the 125 clock hours for license renewal.
  - The new technology piece would be needed for those licenses which expire June 30, 2012 or after.

- The new reflective statement will be added to anyone holding a Minnesota license beginning July 2, 2012

Paul Tess Report – Lutheran Schools *(4:18pm)*

- Early Childhood Education Program (ECE)
  - ECE clinical – The clinical experience for early childhood majors began its third fall semester of work in September.
  - The clinical is a one day a week experience in a pre-primary setting.
  - 2010-2011 is the second year for Student Teaching in ECE.
  - Three distinct experiences compose the professional semester for early childhood candidates.
    - Infant/Toddler
    - Pre-primary (Ages 3-5)
    - Primary (Grades K-3)
  - Professor Susan Haar is supervising the student teachers in the infant/toddler setting at the Nicollet Early Childhood Center. The preprimary level experience occurs at the MLC Early Childhood Center with Professors Susan Haar and Cheryl Loomis sharing the supervisory responsibilities. The primary level is being supervised by Professors Jon Roux, Bob Klindworth, and Paul Tess. This change has been implemented to allow a more focused supervision for ECE.

- Elementary Program
  - The elementary program of student teaching remains our largest in terms of the number of candidates placed and schools/supervisors recruited. Professor Jeff Wiechman returns this year to the elementary supervisory corps after serving one year as a principal at St. Paul Lutheran School in New Ulm. Dr. Carla Melendy and Professor Ron Ohm are the two other full-time supervisors working with elementary student teachers.
  - This past summer Dr. Melendy trained nearly twenty supervisors during the annual student teaching supervisor workshop which was purposefully targeted for Nebraska cooperating teachers.

- Secondary Program
  - The 23 student teachers in the secondary program will be working in the revised model that reflects the requirements of licensure. Although not all secondary programs have Board of Teaching approval, student teaching in the secondary for all programs has transitioned to five weeks of public school teaching and ten weeks in a Lutheran high school in subject-specific classrooms.
  - Addressing the shortage of licensed teaching supervisors at the secondary level is a critical item for the office. In response, Dr. Cindy Whaley is pursuing post baccalaureate licensure options which will allow D/MLC graduates from our past STEP program to gain their secondary Minnesota teaching license.
  - Professor Ron Ohm serves as the college supervisor for secondary student teaching.

- EFE IV
  - A new clinical experience course called Early Field Experience IV has been added to the MLC catalog. The goal of the course is to help teaching candidates grow through an additional classroom experience.
  - The clinical will serve as an intervention in a student's clinical experience progress. The length of the experience will be determined by college personnel.
  - While the course will not guarantee a successful student teaching term, EFE IV will challenge the student to grow in specific skills, knowledge, or dispositions in order to earn approval for entrance into the professional semester.

Cindy Whaley Report – Public Schools *(4:35pm)*

- Clinical experiences are one day a week, either Tuesday or Thursday, for the entire semester.
- The student teaching II experience is 5 weeks, every day.
- Clinical totals for semester one:
  - Junior Clinical = 57
  - Science Clinical = 2
  - CAL Clinical = 11
- Student Teaching II = 61
  - Dr. Whaley expressed that the number of clinical students along with the new endorsement and secondary programs was a blessing to Martin Luther College.
  - However, Dr. Whaley was concerned for all the clinical placements and recruiting enough supervisors.

Early Childhood Center Report – Cheryl Loomis *(4:42pm)*

- The Governing Board met last week to discuss the study of an intergenerational ministry.
- The Board agreed to partner with MLC for a Lutheran home and a new Early Childhood building being constructed.
  - Cheryl Loomis: "It's a good fit for both our mission and purpose at the college."
- Issue yet to work out:
  - Issues of Performa. Who will own the Center?
- The new Center would include infants and toddlers.
  - Bob Klindworth: "Putting up an Early Childhood Center is priority one as we have no facilities on-site for infant and toddlers.

- Kim Haroldson: "I have a daughter that attends the MLC Early Childhood Center and it is wonderful." Kim went on to say, "A new Early Childhood Center that facilitates birth to age 5 would fill-up extremely fast.

Enrollment *(4:50pm)*

- Cindy provided current enrollment numbers: (as of 10/12/2010)
  - Students in Educational Ministry (SEM) = 552
  - Students in Pastoral Ministry (SPAM) = 156
  - Unclassified Students (Part-time, continuing education, etc.) = 10
  - Total Students = 719
    - Male = 351
    - Female = 367
  - Chuck Beitlich: "How is the enrollment compared to last year?
    - Bob Klindworth: "We saw a small increase in enrollment compared to last year."

Minnesota Teacher Licensure Exams *(4:58)*

- The state of Minnesota is no longer using Praxis tests from ETS, developed by Pearson Evaluation Systems . Minnesota are now using the Minnesota Teacher Licensure Examinations (MTLE).
- Praxis tests will be valid through 2015.
- All MTLE tests are now computer based. (except World Languages and Cultures)
- MLC lost the capability to be a testing site due to the computer based format and the times for offering the tests. The closest site to MLC is in Mankato.
- All test must be completed and passed before graduation to be eligible for a Call.
- Concerns:
  - What happens when a teacher applies for an out-of-state license?
  - Will the MTLE test scores still work in other states?
- Chuck Beitlich: "What's going to happen for the people that have to renew their license?"
  - Cindy Whaley: "Nothing will change for license renewal as the requirements remain the same as long as they don't let their license lapse."
  - Cindy Whaley: "We had a graduate student from Nebraska. He let his MN license lapse and the state of Nebraska would not even allow him to stand in front of a classroom until he has a valid teacher's license."

POST-BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM *(5:12)*

- The post-baccalaureate program continues to grow. We had 7 student teachers in our program this year including 1 from Canada and 1 from Washington.
- We are currently working on a post-baccalaureate program for both early childhood and secondary education. We hope to have them going by the summer of 2011.

MASTER'S PROGRAM *(5:18)*

- John Meyer is now the Director of Graduate Studies.
- The program is open to anyone
- We graduated 7 students from the Master's program this past summer.

ENDORSEMENTS *(5:21)*

- 2 new endorsements will be added.
- Pre-primary endorsement (ages 3-5) in the future.

Closing Remarks *(5:22pm)*

- Cindy Whaley: "Thank you everybody for their time and input. We truly appreciate it."
- Andrea Harder: "I have a student teacher from Martin Luther College and she is wonderful. The MLC students have been a big asset to us."
- Cindy Whaley (per Dr. Wendler): "Do you think we should have a political person on the Advisory Council? Please think about it for the next council meeting in April."
    - The focus should be the position and not used for campaigning purposes or a certain party.

Meeting Adjourned *(5:28pm)*

Next Scheduled Meeting

- Tuesday, April 12th, 2011
- 4:00-5:30pm
- MLC Board Room