MINUTES: School of Professional Studies Meeting, April 9, 2009, 11:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Dean Batterson, Dr. Asmussen, Ms. Edris, Dr. Galardi, Dr. Goebel-Lundholm, Ms. Gottschalk, Mr. Griffin, Dr. J. Grotrian, Ms. S. Grotrian, Dr. Hutchison, Mr. Jackson, Dr. Lundak, Dr. Nevitt, Dr. Snyder, Mr. Wray

1. Minutes of the January 23rd school meeting were approved. Motion was made and seconded by Dr. Nevitt and Dr. Grotrian.

2. Dean Batterson and Professional Studies faculty discussed the federal legislative requirement for the culminating experience for online courses. Discussion included:
   A. final exam covering learning objectives
   B. proctored test with verification - who takes the test
   C. coordination of verification

3. Ms. Gottschalk reported on the Academic and Curriculum Committee initiative on COLL 101. Ms. Gottschalk advised that the Committee met on Tuesday (April 7th). The Committee developed a list of faculty-recommended goals.

4. Dean Batterson and faculty members reviewed a course proposal for Diversity Issues in the United States (SOC 255) submitted by Ms. Gottschalk. The course is a general introduction to the sociology of race and ethnicity. The course will count as a major option course for Psychology and Criminal Justice majors. Diversity Issues was formerly a Psychology course which evolved into Diversity Issues in Education (EDUC 255). Advancement of the course (SOC 255) in the approval process was approved by Professional Studies faculty. The motion was made and seconded by Dr. Asmussen and Dr. Goebel-Lundholm.

Dean Batterson and faculty members reviewed a course proposal for Contemporary Social Problems (SOC 300) submitted by Ms. Gottschalk. The existing course now will be offered online. The course is required for social studies teacher candidates and counts as a major elective for Psychology and Criminal Justice majors. Other students may take the course in partial fulfillment of the social science general studies requirement. Advancement of the course in the approval process was approved by Professional Studies faculty. The motion was made and seconded by Mr. Jackson and Dr. Asmussen.

5. Dr. Grotrian reviewed the successes of the High School Business Contest and the “free lunch”.

PBL successes at the state conference were applauded. Ten students automatically qualified to attend the National Conference. Eight students have expressed interest in attending the National Conference in Anaheim in June. More students may decide to attend.
6. Dr. Asmussen shared with Professional Studies faculty members the tentative itinerary for the Australia Experience. He plans to propose that course credit be granted for the overseas experience because of the serious nature of the trip/tours and the high number of criminal justice and related facilities the students experience.

7. Dean Batterson advised that a candidate for the PSYC/SOC position will visit the campus on April 20 for an interview. Dr. Kelli Anne Gardner is on the faculty at Waldorf College.

Dr. Hutchison and Dr. Nevitt are on the search committee for the Dean of the School of Professional Studies. Dr. Nevitt advised that he had no information to share.

8. The next meeting will be May 4\textsuperscript{th} and will be a luncheon meeting in recognition of Dr. Lundak’s and Dr. Thomas’ retirements.

9. Other business needed to be completed before school year’s end will be committee appointments.

10. Mr. Jackson and Dr. Goebel-Lundholm will be attending Faculty College in Chadron May 18-19. No other department faculty members expressed interest in attending.