NCATE Dispositions Committee

Committee Members:

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Connie Russell – Biology
Wendy Storms – COE Director of Field Experiences
Chris Purkiss (Chair) – Teacher Ed

Minutes for meeting May 3, 2011 held at 3:15pm in CARR 290

1. Welcome and Introductions – Introductions were made around the table. All committee members were present.

2. Charge for this committee – Chris Purkiss referred to the charge of this committee as presented in a document sent to each member. The committee is charged with: 1) addressing the AFI's listed in the NCATE review; 2) generating and agreeing upon the list of dispositions that will be used across all certification programs; 3) generating a system for the collection of dispositions data; and 4) generating a timeline for the collection of data.

3. Background Information on NCATE Accreditation – After the charge to the committee heard background information concerning the new NCATE accreditation and the next site visit that will be in Fall 2012. The AFI's regarding dispositions were also discussed.

4. First steps – After discussion, it was decided that the first step needed to be the decision regarding the wording of the dispositions. This was needed quickly so that it could be included in the editing of the Conceptual Framework. The committee agreed to review the dispositions presently in place and send comments to the chair by Thursday, May 19. The chair will aggregate comments and email out to members for agreement. There was further discussion about where in the secondary certification program would be a starting point for the implementation of dispositions. EPSY 3303 is a class that all secondary teaching certification majors take. It was thought that by making this class a pre-requisite to all other Education courses at the secondary level, that dispositions could be taught and measured as an entry data point. Amy Williamson was asked to discuss this with the head of C&I Dr. Summerlin and report back.

5. Next meeting – a decision about the next meeting was not decided at this time. It is hope that much of the work of the committee could be carried out by electronic means. Meeting adjourned at 4:10pm.