Teacher Education Advisory Committee  
January 22, 2003  
UCC 210 – 3:30 – 5:00pm

Members Present:
Meg Cooper  Alexa North
Debra Dwight  Denise Overfield
Tony Giovannitti  Nancy Pencoe
Brent Hardin  Dawn Putney
Bob Hilliard  Heather Reid
Tim Hynes (ex-officio)  Matt Roberson (for David Newton)
Kent Layton (ex-officio)  Mel Steely
Betty J. Morris (for Barbara McKenzie)  Sandra Stone (ex-officio)

Visitors: Lynne Gaskin

1. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from November 6 and January 8 were approved.

2. Graduate Program Approval: Lynne Gaskin, Associate Dean of the College of Education, addressed the issue of TEAC’s role in the approval of graduate programs leading to educator certification. In discussion it was noted that TEAC by-laws (draft approved by Faculty Senate) refer to “all programs” leading to educator certification, but there had been a statement made earlier that graduate programs might be reviewed by a different body. Tim Hynes also noted that post baccalaureate programs (initial certification programs provided to graduate students but not leading to a degree) were not mentioned in the Board of Regents prose. Lynne distributed a handout illustrating that many certification programs (including many initial preparation programs) are not offered as traditional undergraduate programs.

Tim distributed a handout that included considerations if TEAC assumed responsibility for approval of graduate programs versus if another body handled these. There was discussion as to whether graduate faculty status for TEAC members would be necessary if TEAC is to address graduate programs and, after some discussion, there seemed to be a consensus that we did not have to require TEAC members to hold graduate faculty status (in part since some of the other groups involved in approval of graduate programs do not require this). There may be a need in the by-laws for clearer articulation of which programs and what kind of program changes are examined by TEAC. Lynne Gaskin and TEAC members were asked to examine the draft by-laws and bring suggestions to the next meeting. Kent Layton noted that we might want to set up a system that tracks clarifications and new interpretations of the by-laws as these happen across time. In addition, Tim Hynes noted that he would like to meet with the TEAC co-chairs, representatives of the COE Dean’s Office, and Dean Jenkins to discuss ways for information to be brought to COGS regarding graduate programs and BOR requirements pertaining to them.

3. TEAC Website: The TEAC website is up and operational. The TEAC website link is: http://coe.westga.edu/TEAC/. The site lists the bylaws, minutes and Professional Education Faculty self-nomination form.

4. Professional Education Faculty: The committee approved fifteen (15) faculty members for membership. A list of PEF members will be posted on the website. A congratulatory note will be sent and a new list-serve for PEF members will be created at the end of the semester.

5. The next scheduled TEAC meeting - February 5th @ 3:30pm, UCC Room 210.