September 13, 2011 Counselor Education Faculty Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Signe M. Kastberg

Present: Abbe Finn, Russell Sabella, Maddy Isaacs, Signe Kastberg, Robert Kenny

Spring 2012 Faculty Assignments

The spring semester schedule was reviewed with possible faculty assignments. A correction needs to be made to any relevant publications/websites regarding the required course for school counselors: MHS6420, Counseling Special Population Groups, is the requirement; NOT MHS 6605 Special Needs Counseling & Consultation. Abbe will provide Signe with a list of DOE requirements for MHS6420. Abbe will send an updated schedule to faculty after talking with adjuncts about courses they would be will be willing/available to teach.

Future meeting dates/times

The counselor ed faculty meeting times have been modified (and these were sent out post-meeting to the faculty).

Program Revisions:

We have decided on a March 15 application deadline; all apps received by that date will be considered for Fall admission. Applications received after that date will be considered on a first-come first-served basis and on a space-available basis. A wait list will be started if there is no space available. The program has decided to move towards greater selectivity. We will use a “whole person” approach in reviewing applications; we decided to adopt the application/interview rubrics shared with us by SE Missouri State University. Abbe will make sure that our program name is changed in the catalog and other venues per CACREP standards to “Clinical Mental Health Counseling”.

Agenda and creation of powerpoint for webinar with site supervisors

The goals of the webinar are to cover policies and procedures; also per CACREP standards we hope to train people on how to be good site supervisors. This may be too ambitious for a first webinar. Russ will put out a call on CESNET to see if another institution has a powerpoint to share so we don’t need to invent one.

Old business: CSI

Abbe communicated to CSI (tom Sweeney etc.) that we will be inactive at this time. We may wish to create our own honor society, create a newsletter, etc. Russ is interested in starting this initiative.

Items deferred from agenda

We were unable to cover the CACREP self-study task assignments. Also the Livetext issue will be covered between Abbe and Signe in a meeting on 9/14.

Other business:

Abbe will invite Beth Nehamkin to our next meeting to discuss clinical “matchmaking” for field work. Abbe also plans to talk with Practicum students regarding “civility” in approaching potential sites, as some students have been less than diplomatic in their approach.