



**Professional Education Council  
Minutes  
February 26, 2015  
McKee 282; 4:00-5:30 PM  
( C, 4.30.15)**

Present: Margo Barnhart, Wendy Adams, Teresa Higgins (via phone), Jennifer Krause, Jason Byrnes, Bette Rathe, Jennifer Harding-DeKam, Kathy O'Neil (representing ECE), Mark Montemayor, Stephanie Fanselow, Robyn Hess, Kayleigh Bonner, Ginny Huang

Absent: Val Middleton, Jeri Kraver, Kevin Slivka, Todd Sundeen, Melitta Wagner-Heaston, Michelle Scallon, Mark Thompson

Guests: Vicky Stromberger

**I. Welcome**

**II. Approval of 1.29.15 Minutes**

Wendy Adams moved to approve the minutes; Teresa Higgins seconded the motion; motion unanimously approved.

**III. Curriculum Review: NA**

**IV. Old Business**

- Course Syllabi Guidelines Update/Continued Discussion: Ginny Huang  
<http://www.unco.edu/cebs/faculty/pec.html>  
Course Syllabus Guidelines:  
PEC agreed that the EDSE 510 – Foundations of Special Education will work as a sample syllabi.
- PLACE/PRAXIS: Follow-Up (Handouts)  
Guidelines?  
Margo informed PEC that they will need to come up with guidelines for approximately 40 different programs. CDE has indicated they are prepared to make a recommendation for all programs across the board concerning PLACE/PRAXIS. Guidelines created by PEC won't take effect until Fall 2015; by Fall 2015 CDE will have made their decision and the plan will be made once and for all. Following discussion Wendy Adams made a motion to approve the guidelines from the December 15, 2014 memo with the addition of the following sentence:

*If there is a state passing score the program is recommended to use it; if not a state passing score will need to recommend and justify a cutoff score. The following link provides information on cut scores from different states for Praxis:*  
[http://www.ets.org/s/praxis/pdf/passing\\_scores.pdf](http://www.ets.org/s/praxis/pdf/passing_scores.pdf)

Jennifer Krause seconded the motion; motion unanimously approved.

- GPA Degree Works: Follow-Up with Ginny Huang  
Following discussion, PEC decided to table the conversation until the April meeting. Jason Byrnes made a motion to have Nancy Sileo (at the beginning of the meeting) and data present (range to see what effect that will have on our current students in the PTEP, overall, and in the PTEP; how many students won't graduate based on a 3.0 GPA) at the meeting; Kathy O'Neil seconded the motion; motion unanimously approved.

**V. New Business:**

- Updated Syllabi Statements: Request for approval to make changes to PEC's Course Syllabi Guidelines (see attached information)  
PEC discussed the following updated syllabi statements: