Indiana State University
Teacher Education Committee
February 17, 2009

APPROVED MINUTES
(Approved March 17, 2009)

Members present: D. Ballard, C. Becker, L. Barratt, C. Chao, D. Clark, H. Ganapathy-Coleman, S. Gruenert, E. Hampton, K. Harris, R. Hinshaw, S. Kiger, S. Latta, M. Lee, C. Marchese, M. Nail, A. Norris, D. Quatroche, A. Solesky, C. Tucker, K. Wenning

Members absent:

Ex Officio Members present: S. Powers, J. Sheese, B. Libler, D. Collins

1.   Call to Order. TEC Chair E. Hampton called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm.

2.   Approval of Minutes for January 20, 2009 – S. Kiger moved approval for minutes with an editorial amendment. K. Harris seconded it and the amended minutes were unanimously approved.

3.   New Business
·   Open Discussion about Foundational Studies program – E. Hampton noted that the discussion about the foundational studies program was hampered by abysmal attendance. D. Collins added that announcements will be made before semester-end so that new syllabi congruent with the foundational studies requirements can be prepared well ahead of time. Courses can count towards more than one program. E. Hampton suggested that we could develop some courses that would target teacher education students. D. Clark said that they had discussed the courses and the GPA in the social studies education program and appreciate the help it will offer for meeting general education requirements. However, it will be an issue for programs like music and math. M. Lee asked for clarification. S. Powers clarified that courses will have to reapply to be included into the foundational studies courses. As courses may not meet foundational studies and teacher education requirements at the same time, TEC must offer its counsel on this. It will be interesting to see how EPSY 202 will look after the accommodations are made; there is no question that EPSY 341 should reapply. It may be good for both courses to present to TEC how they will change to be responsive to the requirements of the foundational studies curriculum.

·   New grading system – D. Clark said that faculty at arts and sciences had met to discuss it and the consensus was that they would like to keep GPA at 2.5. S. Kiger reported that CIMT also liked the 2.5 cut-off. A recommendation was made that in catalogs, the 2.5 GPA language should be used. There should not be reference to the C+ grade cutoffs because the two will not be the same from fall 2009.

· Ideas for next topical meeting March 3—S. Powers talked about the Dean's idea that students admitted into the teacher education program should be celebrated formally in the new building in the fall. One idea may be to have a discussion in the next topical meeting about how that should look. The following ideas were floated: a parent weekend; providing information to make students knowledgeable about Praxis 1; what the teaching profession looks like.

4. Dean's Report – On the Dean's behalf, S. Powers reported that the university will take possession of the third floor in the new building. It will be a difficult transition of technology.

5. Associate Deans' Report
· B. Libler noted that the Dean has asked for focus on the recruitment of transfer students. Two recruitment events are scheduled—on Feb 24 at Terre Haute Ivy Tech, and on April 21 in Bloomington Ivy Tech. Education majors in different content areas will also be invited for this.
· Tk20 will be here to work on Tuesday, February 24 starting at 9 am in room 106.

6. ESS Report – J. Sheese announced that if faculty have a summer course that they would like to offer, they must send an email to her. This summer, Project PRE will not be hosting programs for credit. Last year, 790 teachers took workshops through Project PRE. These teachers will be looking for something this summer. S. Powers said that Ball State University has summer courses up and that even registrations are over. S. Powers observed that maybe we should consider alternate delivery systems.

7. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 3.57 pm

Respectfully submitted by
Hema Ganapathy-Coleman, TEC Secretary