UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Undergraduate Council Minutes of March 28th, 2011

Present: Michael LeVan (Chair), Brianne Stanback, Ken Christensen, Chad Michaels, Erwin Johanningmeier, Jennifer

Bosson, Thomas Pluckhan, Jay Coble, Matrell Everett

Absent: Chad Michaels, Kay Perrin February 28

th, 2011 were approved.

2. Announcements

a) There has been some interest in the position of council chair. The council will need to decide on a chair by vote at one of the last two meetings.

Old Business

a) Exceptional Education Program Changes – The changes to the Exceptional Education program, tabled at the 2/28 meeting, were discussed again, with representatives from the department Daphne Thomas and Patricia McHatton. The changes move from a discrete course-based curriculum to a competency-based model with instructional blocks. In addition to the program curriculum change, an associated group of new courses were (r)-1(50)6(ur)5(5ousf52(o)7C)6(ur)5(sur)5(of)4() rofoe8Gulhat variable times were available for the coursework. The cur

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3. New Business

 a) <u>School of Social Work Admissions requirements</u> – Representatives Ruth Tilden and Bea Smith from the College of Behavioral and Community Sciences addressed the council regarding a proposal to increase the minimum GPA requirements for admission to the School of Social Work. In raising the required GPA for admission from a 2.0 to a 2.75, it is hoped that the - This course is restricted to majors and forms the foundation for

understanding the context of schools including curriculum, characteristics of students with disabilities, the nature of special education, and the role of the special education teacher. Course was approved. solve problems. Course was approved.

iii. <u>EEX4205 – Creating Effective Learning Environments</u> - This course is third in a sequence for majors and focuses on Creating Effective Learning Environments in Special Education allowing teacher candidates to apply their understandings in a variety of school contexts with a small group of students. Course was approved.