

**SEPS Subcommittee Meeting Minutes for February 14, 2017**

12:30-1:30 Blue and White Room/Student Center

**Present:** Beth Merenstein (Soc.), Carol Ciotto (Chair, PEHP), Tatiana Melendez-Rhodes (Couns. Ed. & FT), Joan Nicole-Senft(Spec. ED & Interv.), Mary Pat Bigley (SEPS Dean's Rep/Social Work Representative.), Michael Bartone (Lit., Elem. & ECED.), and Penelope Lisi (EDLPIT)

Meeting called to order at 12:30 p.m.

**1) Approval of the Minutes:**

Approved unanimously

**2) SPED 504 Universal Design, Inclusion and Accessibility in Learning, Teaching, and Beyond**

New course addition. Will serve as an elective within department, for other programs, as well as in the Community Engagement Minor.

**Vote:** Approved unanimously

**3) SPED 514 Behavioral Assessment and Interventions**

Course revision. Course title and description revised to reflect current practice.

**Vote:** Approved unanimously

**4) MS in Special Education: For Initial Certification or Teachers Seeking Cross Endorsement in Special Education**

Program revision. Existing MS with Cross Endorsement revised to include initial certification in special education.

**Vote:** Approved unanimously

**5) EDL 711, 712, 713, 714, 715**

Course revisions. Program has made revisions in their seminar series to improve instruction around research methodology.

**Vote:** Approved unanimously

6) From the Chair of the NEASC Self-Study Group On General Education (NEASC Standard 4.16-18). **The following were approved at Gen Ed on 1/25/17 to send to full Curriculum Committee for further discussion.**

Idea #1: change “General Education Program” to “General Education Requirement”  
Vote: Approved unanimously

Idea #2: revise the description of Study Area I based on the new mission statement for General Education (passed Spring 2016), which was based on NEASC Standard 4.17  
Vote: Approved unanimously

7) General discussion on recommendations for changes to By Laws

- 1.1 Recommended clarifying language to specify that same faculty member should attend all meetings.
- 4.2.6 Add exception for accreditation and mandates
- 4.9.1 Change to “in one of the following...”

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.