Faculty of Education

Committee Name: Working Group on Teacher Education (WGOTE)

Terms of Reference

October 2012

Preamble:

WGOTE is a standing committee of the Faculty and meets once per month. Distribution of the meeting agenda and background materials are sent out a week in advance of the meeting. The administrative assistant to the Associate Dean, Teacher Education takes minutes of the meetings.

Mandate:

WGOTE serves the Faculty by providing oversight to the B.Ed. program. This entails working with the Associate Dean of Teacher Education, TEO faculty and staff, as well as the instructional faculty across the Faculty of Education. While CCASA handles all decisions that are ultimately tied to Senate committees and UBC calendar entries, WGOTE is concerned with internal policies that affect the quality of the program on a daily basis.

Objectives:

- Provide a forum for departmental reps to raise issues of common concern with the Associate Dean and Director of Teacher Education, as well as other TEO faculty and staff.
- Provide a forum to review possible changes to admissions, cohort themes, program organization, as well as marketing and program assessment.
- Provide a forum for making decisions regarding the B.Ed. that affect the daily implementation of the program.
- Provide advice to the Associate Dean regarding program issues as they arise.
- Departmental representatives will liaise with their department heads and colleagues as needed.
Deliverables:

- Increased communication between and among the departments and the Associate Dean, Teacher Education.
- Improvement in communication of information among members of the Faculty in regard to the B.Ed. program.
- Involve faculty members in decision-making as we operationalize the B.Ed. program.
- Improved understanding of the complexity of program delivery.
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Composition:

- Number of members: 4 departmental representatives plus the Associate Dean, Teacher Education and the Director of Teacher Education.
- The Chairperson will be the Associate Dean, Teacher Education. The Director of Teacher Education may chair in her/his absence.
- Length of service – unrestricted while in particular role.