

On a PEC related matter:

Please include the information from Kevin below with the Minutes from the May 1st meeting. We will probably have more info to include after the open forum on May 7th for elementary program revision.

Thanks,

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From: Slivka, Kevin

Sent: Thursday, May 01, 2014 7:01 PM

To: WagnerHeaston, Melitta; Stewart, Marsha

Cc: Creasy, Kim; Stewart, Connie; Liccardo, Andrew; Huang, Jingzi

Subject: FW: Feedback for ART 440

Dear Marsha & Melitta,
cc. Kim, Connie, Andrew, & Ginny

I'm just following up to my suggestions made in PEC today concerning the importance of the arts remaining as an option for ISET students pursuing their elementary education degree as an area of concentration. Below is the email/testimonial sent to me by an ISET student I had the pleasure of having in my Art Education 440 course entitled, Foundations of Art Education. In addition to Jessica, I have had several ISET students last semester, this semester and next semester that continue to register for Art Education courses and find their experience beneficial. I continue to advocate for the arts within education, which provides a generative space for undertaking inquiry, making interdisciplinary connections, and providing embodied-experiential-based learning events. Art education students and certified art teachers are expected to integrate multiple disciplinary connections and course content as they develop and implement art curricula - should not the elementary education students be reciprocally trained and held to the same standard? I hope that this conversation and opportunity for "cross-pollination" between the School of Art and Design and the School of Teacher Education continue to be positive and informative.

Thank you,
Kevin

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From: Stickers, Jessica [stik7523@bears.unco.edu]

Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2013 2:05 PM

To: Slivka, Kevin; Stewart, Connie

Subject: Feedback for ART 440

Kevin Slivka and Connie Stewart,

I feel fortunate that I was given the opportunity to take ART 440 class. I hope that the Art department will open this course up to Elementary Education Majors who have an emphasis in visual arts. I was granted special permission to take this course to fulfill the requirement I needed. This class was most beneficial and I learned many important aspects of child development through art. This also would be a great opportunity for all teachers to work as a team for the benefit of the student's learning. Kevin's class opened my eyes to a perspective of the art teacher that I have not really seen before, which would be different for many General Education teachers to see. Kevin did a great job at encouraging me to think about my thinking (meta-cognition) and moving me out of my comfort zone. The readings and discussions were intriguing and I left every class feeling like I learned something valuable. This class also pushed me to look deeper into the learning process not only in art but across the disciplines. I feel that I was extremely fortunate to have been in this class and I do hope that others in my major will be able to have the same opportunity.

Thank you,
Jessica Stickers