Members Present: Michelle Bryan, Steven Thompson, Zach Kelehear, Rob Dedmon, Erin Miller, Emmie May

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes were approved from the last Basic Programs Committee meeting.

Old Business:

EDUC 360, Global and Multicultural Perspectives on Education in International Settings, was approved via email/blackboard discussion by the committee on Monday, September 10th.

New Business:

The committee had a discussion about the only new business item – EDSE 547. A proposal was submitted by Mary Styslinger to Change Prerequisites/Corequisites to: Prereq or Coreq for M.T. applicants: EDSE 402; and Prereq for M.A.T. applicants: Admission to M.A.T. program. The language in the justification program proved to be confusing to the committee members who were unfamiliar with whether this course proposal change would be considered an undergraduate change or a graduate level change. Emmie May offered to suggest some rewording of the proposal and the committee accepted the proposal pending the editing of the language in the justification form. Emmie emailed the proposed new language in the justification to the committee following the meeting and Steven sent the message to Mary. The new wording, suggested by Emmie, is as follows:

Currently, EDSE 402 (formerly, EDTE 402) is listed as a prerequisite for undergraduate students to enroll in EDSE 547. We want to provide undergraduate students who are planning to pursue the 5th Year M.T. (Master of Teaching) Secondary Education degree program, the option of taking EDSE 402 concurrently with EDSE 547.

EDSE 402, Teachers and Teaching, explores teaching as a reflective and ethical practice. Topics in this course include professional standards, teacher leadership, school culture and organization, and roles of a professional educator. The course content is a necessary prerequisite or corequisite for EDSE 547 which builds on the foundation provided by EDSE 402 with an eye towards teaching English language arts. Allowing our students who are planning to pursue the 5th Year M.T. degree to take EDSE 402 either as a prerequisite or a corequisite will provide students with greater flexibility in scheduling.

For M.A.T. (Master of Arts in Teaching) applicants, we are continuing to include admission to the M.A.T. degree program as a prerequisite for taking EDSE 547.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting date will be on October 11th @ 10:00. Rob reminded us that this is an important meeting as it will likely the last opportunity for approval of courses that will be offered in the 2013-2014 academic year.