

James I. Perkins College of Education
Educator Preparation Program Committee
Fall Meeting
September 15, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Those Present: Dr. Scott Bailey, Mr. David Flowers, Mr. Jay Forrest, Mr. Mike Gencarelli, Dr. Jannah Nerren, Mr. Michael Martin, Dr. Gene Moon, Mr. Michael Munro, Dr. Maria Betancourt-Smith, Dr. Janet Tareilo, Dr. Barbara Qualls

Those unable to attend: Ms. Patricia Berthot, Dr. Mary Catherine Breen, Mr. John Cannings, Dr. LaTonya Goffney, Mr. David Goodman, Dr. Tracey Hasbun, Dr. Leah Kahn, Ms. Lyndsey Kennon, Ms. Malinda Lyndsey, Dr. Kerry Roberts, Ms. Katie Snyder, Ms. AnneMarie Story

(Those unable to attend physically are asked to contribute electronically by responding to the documents presented via email.)

Introductions and a welcome were given by Dr. Nerren.

Dr. Nerren began the conversation by reviewing what TEA required of the EPP Committee. She encouraged the committee to take an active role in planning for SFAs EPP and its graduates. Dr. Nerren mentioned the required training and only those who were new to the committee would be a part of that training.

Dr. Nerren shared information regarding the numbers and placement areas of the students currently enrolled in Clinical Practice. She explained enrollment was down and this could be a result of the implemented 2.75 GPA as well as the raised admission standards for the University. The following data was provided:

- POCE enrollment data
- EPP enrollment data
- Clinical Teaching data

The following reports were shared with the group:

- Report: TEA audit information
- Report: Cooperating Teacher training

There was some conversation about the number of times a student could take/retake content tests. Dr. Nerren shared that our program does not allow a candidate in who has not passed

this test. Unfortunately, the test has also changed to add several additional items but the allotted time to take the tests did not change.

Mr. David Flowers talked about the increasing number of alternative certified teachers his district was hiring. Dr. Scott Bailey added that the numbers of ALT cert candidates was actually down at the Region VII Service Center. On the subject of ALT cert, Dr. Nerren added that there was an increase in the number of students choosing For Profit groups providing alternative certification.

Continuing the discussion of alternative certification programs, Dr. Gene Moon added that there were many positions open in the Houston area for his students and that the process at SFA for alternative certification was more difficult than at other places. Dr. Nerren shared that the new Dean of the Graduate School, Dr. Ric Berry, was very committed to simplifying the process and improving the graduate systems currently in place. Dr. Maria Betancourt Smith added that this was an issue all around the state not just centralized at SFA. Mr. Mike Gencarelli expressed his concerns about the For Profit certification programs and how the time was of the essence to districts needing these teachers. Dr. Barbara Qualls commented on the competition SFA has when competing with such factors as For Profit and other alternative certification areas. Dr. Nerren said that her office is working steadily to improve the process.

On the topic of clinical practices, Dr. Nerren shared with the committee a ruling by TEA that provides half-day student teaching over two semesters as well as the full-day student teaching experience. The time frame must still equal the requirements placed on EPPs for the completion of clinical practice.

The following items were presented for committee input:

- Dispositions Instrument, to be piloted with Clinical Teaching, fall 2015
- Admission Interview Instrument, to be piloted fall 2015

The floor was opened for questions and suggestions from the committee. Mr. Gencarelli and Mr. Forrest both had suggestions for increasing the interest by cooperating teachers in the training opportunities that the EPP would like to offer. There was discussion around Saturday workshops and CEU's as an incentive.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.