

Professional Educators' Council Minutes

September 21, 2017

1:30-3:00 PM

Library: Wyatt Room

In attendance: Dr. Judy Abbott, Dr. Adam Akerson, Ms. Carrie Baker, Dr. Troy Davis, Mr. David Goodman, Dr. Jeanie Gresham, Dr. Stacy Hendricks, Dr. Lindsey Kennon, Dr. Lynda Martin, Dr. Paige Mask, Ms. Ronda McClain, Dr. Glen McCuller, Dr. Lisa Mize, Ms. Heather Munro, Mr. Michael Munro, Dr. Bill Nieberding, Dr. Heather Olson-Beal, Dr. Barbara Qualls, Dr. Clint Richardson, Dr. Pauline Sampson, Dr. Chris Sams, Dr. Nancy Shepherd, Dr. Kathleen Sheriff, Dr. Christina Sinclair, Ms. Katie Snyder-Martin, Dr. Le'Ann Solmonson, Ms. Julie Stadler, Dr. Robbie Steward, Ms. Lisa Stone, Dr. Josephine Taylor, Dr. Jay Thornton, Dr. Elizabeth Vaughan, Dr. Kimberly Welsh, Dr. Claudia Whitley, Dr. Scott Whitney, Ms. Carrie Williams, and Dr. Michelle Williams.

Not in attendance: Dr. Linda Black, Dr. Joey Bray, Dr. Susan Casey, Ms. Carrie Durrett, Dr. Brandon Fox, Ms. Karla Hamilton, Mr. Mark Hawkins, Ms. Haley Jameson, Ms. Jesse Jenkins, Dr. Susan Maniss, Dr. Frank Mullins, Dr. Maggie Patterson, Ms. Cindy Phelps, Dr. Gabriela Recinos, Dr. Jose Neftali Recinos, Dr. Amanda Rudolph, Ms. Heather Samuelson, Dr. Paul Sandul, and Dr. Elizabeth Spradley.

Welcome

Dr. Judy Abbott

- Introduction
- Dr. Abbott called the meeting to order:
 - The number of meetings for 17-18 has increased from three to four.
 - Some business may be done via email between meetings.
 - PEC is the governance body of educator preparation.
 - The council's actions are shared with the provost.
- Approval of April minutes
 - Dr. Williams made the motion to accept the minutes without changes. Dr. Qualls seconded the motion.
 - There was no discussion.
 - All were in favor, none opposed, and none abstained.

Office of Assessment and Accountability

Dr. Christina Sinclair

- Co-teach pilot project
 - The co-teach pilot project developed from work done by the PCOE clinical practice field experience committee and is being led by Dr. Adam Akerson and Dr. Mark Montgomery.
 - Dr. Sinclair introduced Dr. Akerson to talk more about the project.
 - Two elementary education clinical teachers are utilizing the co-teach model at the SFASU Charter School.

- PEC members interested in observing the clinical teachers use the co-teach model can contact Dr. Akerson, Dr. Sinclair, or Dr. Montgomery.
- The project is expected to expand for the spring semester by including use of the co-teach model by clinical teachers at TJR.
- SPA report updates
 - Dr. Gresham was introduced as the contact for assisting with SPA report writing in the 2017-18 academic year.
 - The next CAEP visit is Spring 2021.
 - Dr. Gresham will meet with every SPA writer by September 28, 2017.
 - The first SPA draft is due December 8.
 - Uploading the reports to CAEP will be done by February 15.
 - PEC members must respond as quickly as possible to any information requests.
- Unit assessment reports sent (initial level)
 - Dr. Sinclair indicated program coordinators should have recently received an email that included an initial level unit assessment report.
 - The reports include a summary of data results on candidate dispositions (overall and by program), program evaluation by clinical teachers, T-TESS and work sample.
 - Dr. Sinclair encouraged the council to use these data to support continuous program improvement.
- All-level and secondary certification program coordinator meetings
 - Meetings are needed on a regular basis to enhance communication among programs.
 - Regular meeting dates and times will be determined after more progress is made on SPA report work.
- PBIC course fee reduction requests submitted
 - Dr. Sinclair notified PEC that PBIC course fee reduction requests were submitted.
- TEA educator ethics training
 - Dr. Sinclair announced that she attended a TEA ethics training in August sponsored by Education Service Center Region 13.
 - She said the class consisted of mostly principals but did include numerous educator preparation program representatives.
 - She added that the training format was mainly a trainer of trainers and showed a four-minute overview video.

- She explained the six modules and indicated each had an assessment at the end.
- She advocated loading the first two modules into the clinical teaching online component for Spring 2018.
- TEA and CAEP require EPPs to show evidence of ethics training.
- In the last year three SFA teacher graduates were charged with having inappropriate relationships.
- Dr. Mask expressed interest in also having the third and fourth modules loaded as well as including the modules in graduate-level programs.
- Dr. Sheriff expressed interest in a large-group, one-day, mini-conference.
- Dr. Olson Beal requested more data on the ethics violations, and wanted to know more about the extent of the problem at SFA.
- Dr. Vaughan stressed that some programs already have ethics training built into them.
- Dr. Sheriff mentioned her students were shocked to learn of situations they may encounter.
- Dr. Sinclair supported a preventive training approach.
- Dr. Sinclair encouraged everyone to look over the training information distributed and decide how it relates to individual academic programs.

- Updates on SBEC and T-TESS Ms. Carrie Baker
 - It is anticipated the following will be adopted by December 2017:
 - EC-3 stand-alone certificate resulting in the creation of EC-3 PPR and Science of Teaching Reading exams
 - Adding a 4-8 PPR exam
 - Adding a 7-12 PPR exam
 - While SBEC is exploring the elimination of the 4-8 core subjects certificate, they are planning to maintain the existing EC-6 core subjects certificate and the EC-12 PPR.
 - It has not been determined if the EC-3 certificate will be stand-alone or supplemental.
 - Results were shared from a report due to the Legislative Budget Board by October 1 covering FY 17 performance measures. This included: Total teacher educators graduated (318) and certification rate (96.9%).
 - The Office of Assessment and Accountability hosted field supervisor observation training for those supervising initial teacher candidates (26 attended) as well as the field supervisor

coaching training for advanced program candidates (8 attended).

- The next training is November 3, 2017.

- Candidate data

- Ms. Baker shared Fall 2017 clinical teacher data.
- Ms. Snyder-Martin shared 2016-17 certification recommendations in three categories: elementary and middle grades, secondary and all-level, and professional.
- A total of 624 recommendations was an exception to the usual totals ranging 550-590 per academic year.
- Ms. Stadler reported on the TExES pass rates for 2016-17 that were submitted to TEA on September 15.
- Pass rates will not be confirmed by TEA until October; however, they appear to have increased based on gender and ethnicity.

Student Services and Advising.

Dr. Stacy Hendricks

Ms. Lisa Stone

- Curriculum updates
 - Due dates for turning in the following (1) October 2 for course fees as well as new programs with new courses and (2) October 16 for new courses for old programs as well as program modifications.
 - Anyone needing help on submitting these materials should contact Dr. Hendricks or Ms. Stone.
 - Dr. Abbott emphasized that faculty outside the PCOE need to send such changes not only to their college but also to Dr. Hendricks.
 - Dr. Hendricks commended the history department on its timely submissions to her.
- Advising updates
 - Stacy Dicks is a new advisor for FCS as well as all-level kinesiology.
 - Advisors met with 848 undergraduates in the past three weeks.
 - Advisors will be at a retreat at UT-Tyler on September 22.
 - Extra transfer orientation will be offered November 17 and an EAB refresher will be offered in November.

Discussion Items

Dr. Christina Sinclair

- 2nd Reading: TEA Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs Technology Fee
 - PEC approved a \$35 TEA technology fee at the April 20th Spring 2017 meeting.
 - TEA Fee Update/Amended Proposal

- On June 1, 2017 Dr. Sinclair submitted a memo to Dr. Bullard and Dr. Brunson requesting the TEA technology fee as approved by PEC.
 - Dr. Brunson notified Dr. Sinclair that such fees can only be on the Board of Regents agenda for approval at the January meeting. Therefore, the fee request should be resubmitted at a later date.
 - As a result, Dr. Sinclair proposed an amendment to the original TEA Technology fee approved by PEC.
 - Dr. Sinclair proposed the following to the council:
Charging \$55 per EPP candidate admitted January 2018 (immediately upon approval)-August 25, 2019 then afterwards charging \$35 per EPP candidate admitted September 1, 2019 and thereafter.
 - Dr. Welsh made a motion to accept the amendment.
 - Dr. Williams seconded the motion.
 - Dr. Sinclair clarified that only newly admitted candidates would be assessed the one-time fee after BOR approval (not candidates already admitted/in an EPP).
 - A vote was then taken: 22 were in favor, 2 were opposed, and 2 abstained.
 - The following motion was approved by the council:
 - Charging \$55 per EPP candidate admitted January 2018 (immediately upon approval)-August 25, 2019 then afterwards charging \$35 per EPP candidate admitted September 1, 2019 and thereafter.
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- 2nd Reading: Ethics Seminar
 - Dr. Sinclair summarized the work of the PCOE ethics task force indicating three face-to-face ethics seminars for initial level candidates were piloted in Spring 2017.
 - Data from candidates participating in the seminars were summarized indicating that 100% either agreed or strongly agreed on the usefulness of the seminar and would recommend it to other candidates.
 - The face-to-face format is a limitation for EPPs with online programs.
 - Dr. Sinclair proposed to the PEC that the ethics training not be required of all initial EPP candidates in its current face-to-face format.
 - Dr. Gresham made a motion to accept the proposal.
 - Dr. Mize seconded the motion.
 - All were in favor, none opposed, and none abstained.

- the ethics training not be required of all initial EPP candidates in its current face-to-face format.
- The following motion was approved by the council:
The ethics training will not be required of all initial EPP candidates in its current face-to-face format.

▪ **Items from the Floor**

- Dr. Gresham suggested a committee for the new ethics training.

▪ **Adjourn**

- Dr. Sinclair announced the next PEC meeting would be November 16 at 1:30 pm in the Library Wyatt Room.
- The meeting was adjourned at 3 pm.