

University Council on Teacher Education
Agenda for September 19, 2011
1:30-3:30
200 Academy Street

Members Present: Nathalie Agnant, Janice Bibik, Suzanne Burton, Laura Glass, Bob Hampel, John Hartman, Lynn Okagaki, Jonathan Troop, Barbara VanDornick, Carol Vukelich, Lynn Worden

Members Excused: Joe Pika, Kate Scantlebury

Members Absent: Deb Bieler

Guest Present: Christine McBride

Announcements

I. End-of-Term Reports (Barbara VanDornick)

Barbara distributed the end-of-spring-term reports for all professional education programs. Five students were dismissed for poor academic performance. Barbara forwarded each program coordinator the data for his/her program. She encouraged program coordinators to contact students in academic difficulty.

II. Fall 2011 Admission Data (Barbara VanDornick)

Barbara distributed a report, created by the Admissions Office, on freshman enrollees in teacher education. The total number of professional education students enrolled in Fall 2011 is 349, an increase from 292 in the Fall 2010. Louis Hirsh will be attending the October UCTE meeting to discuss recruitment efforts.

III. NCATE Update (Carol Vukelich)

The unit received the Offsite BOE Report at the end of June; DCTE distributed the report to UCTE members. Dr. Jerry Bailey, the BOE Chair, came to campus on September 14 for the pre-visit. He identified no problems. Members will recall that the Board of Examiners will visit campus from October 30-November 1. On Tuesday, November 1, Jerry will provide the Board of Examiner's Exit Report. Carol noted that UCTE will meet with the team on Monday, October 31, at 2:00 in the MSERC conference room. She encouraged members to put the date, time, and location on their calendar. The final version of the schedule is being created. John is working on school site visits for Monday morning, October 31, so team members can interact with student teachers, cooperating teachers, field experience supervisors, and administrators. More detailed information will be distributed to professional education faculty as the time approaches.

IV. National Center for Teacher Quality (Lynn Okagaki)

Dean Okagaki announced that the College will participate in the NCTQ evaluation which reviews the quality of teacher education programs. Lynn indicated that she feels that it is wiser for the College to provide the requested information than to allow NCTQ to secure the data from the Internet. NCTQ intends to evaluate every teacher education program in

the nation. She has alerted NCTQ that we are focused on our upcoming accreditation visit and will be unable to provide the requested information until early spring. The report is scheduled for release in Fall 2012.

New Business

- I. Pathwise Data Aligned with Conceptual Framework Outcomes (Barbara VanDornick)***
Pathwise is the instrument used to evaluate candidates' performance during student teaching. Barbara described the unit's candidates' performance; all means were within the average range or above on all conceptual framework outcomes. Barbara has distributed the data to program coordinators.
- II. Pass Rate on Content Tests for Initial Teacher Preparation (Barbara VanDornick)***
To receive the University's recommendation for certification, candidates are required to take the appropriate Praxis II in their content area. Members were reminded that UCTE requires candidates to take the appropriate Praxis II test, but not to pass (as defined by the State's cut score) the test. Nonetheless, most candidates in most programs pass the test. Barbara has distributed the data to program coordinators.
- III. 2010-2011 Disposition Data (John Hartman)***
The data indicate that cooperating teachers and supervisors are very satisfied with UD's student teaching program. John distributed the data to program coordinators.
- IV. Survey Data –Alumni and Employer (Barbara VanDornick)***
Barbara distributed copies of the alumni and principal surveys. The employer response rate across the initial preparation programs was 64%. For the advanced programs for teachers, the response rate was 75%; for the advanced programs for other professionals, the response rate was 64%. Overall, the responses were very positive. Barbara will send the data and comments to the appropriate program coordinator.
- V. SMARTBoard Training (Chris McBride)***
A SMARTBoard demonstration lab has been set up in the Education Resource Center. Professional education faculty are encouraged to reserve the room for a class session to provide instruction in the integration of the SMARTBoard into instruction. Chris provided a brief demonstration of the SMARTBoard for UCTE members.

UCTE adjourned at 3:20 p.m.