

University Council on Teacher Education
Agenda for February 20, 2008
10:00-12:00
200 Academy Street

Members Present: Timothy Barnekov, Suzanne Burton, Laura Glass, John Hartman, Joseph Pika, Barbara VanDornick, Carol Vukelich, Lynn Worden

Members Excused: Nancy Brickhouse, Martha Ford, Steve Goodwin, Barry Joyce, Gail Rys

Guests Present: Patricia Barber, Barbara Butler, Alfinio Flores, Arba Henry, Cynthia Lees, Lee Raymond

Approval of minutes from December 19, 2007.

Announcement

I. Minority Recruitment Task Force Report (John Hartman, Gail Rys, Barbara VanDornick)
Barbara VanDornick reported on the work of the Task Force.

- The Task Force has worked closely with Lou Hirsch and Terry Whittaker. The Task Force reviewed the Fall 2008 applicants and called admissible applicants. Only 28 of the applicants contacted are from Delaware. The Task Force will ask to review the financial aid packages offered to admitted applicants. Creating a sufficiently attractive financial package for out-of-state applicants continues to be a challenge.
- The Task Force has secured addresses for all but 43 ASPIRE alumni, and is planning a spring social event. This will be followed with requests to help in recruiting.
- The Task Force is looking for ways to increase the pipeline of candidates from under-represented groups.. Melva Ware is developing a proposal to fund a summer internship for AVID students aspiring to become teachers. John Hartman is exploring a connection with the City of Philadelphia.
- The Task Force is looking for scholarship funds from a family in Texas, State Farm Insurance and American Express.

Colleges are beginning to receive the names of applicants who have been offered admission. UCTE members recommended sending a message to program coordinators encouraging them to contact their Dean to offer to call applicants who have been offered admission to their program.

The Task Force is eager to receive ideas or suggestions for ways to increase the number of teacher education candidates from under-represented groups.

II. President Harker will attend the March 19 meeting. (Carol Vukelich)

The main purpose of this meeting is to showcase professional education at the University. Members offered numerous suggestions for features to highlight. Carol agreed to gather the ideas into a possible program and to share the agenda and text with a subgroup of the Council. UCTE's meetings are open to all professional educators, and the Council envisions a strong turn-out for this meeting. An alternate location for the meeting will be found.

New Business

- I. Policy on Grade Point Average in the Major (Carol Vukelich)
Deb Bieler has discovered a problem in how the UD SIS system is calculating the major GPA. She found inconsistency with what is stated in the catalog and the UD SIS system. She asked how other education majors (both elementary and secondary) determine major GPA.
 - a. Do they include multiple grades in courses taken more than once (e.g., an F and an A in ENGL324)? UD SIS does not count duplicate grades for major GPAs; however, University policy is to count duplicate grades.
 - b. Do they include grades from courses taken at other institutions (e.g., ENGL202 -- a course required for XEE -- taken at Delaware Tech)? UD policy and UD SIS do not calculate grades from other institutions in the GPA.Carol will contract the Registrar's Office to make certain that the UD SIS system is calculating major GPAs correctly.
- II. Honor's Day (Barbara VanDornick)
Barry Joyce, Lynn Worden, Vicki Lucas, Joe Pika, Arba Henry, and John Hartman will serve on the Honor's Day Committee.
- III. End-of-Term Reports (Barbara VanDornick)
Over 63% of the teacher education candidates are maintaining a 3.0 GPA or better. Fifty teacher education candidates are on probation. Barbara has provided the names of these candidates to program coordinators so that they can be contacted and assistance provided.
- IV. Title II Report (Barbara VanDornick)
Barbara distributed the Praxis pass rate data supplied by ETS. This document will be posted for public review. UD candidates perform very well on these tests. Praxis I has a 100% pass rate; most programs have a 100% Praxis II pass rate. The Council's discussion evolved around making passing Praxis II a requirement. A central question was around the 'when' of the requirement, prior to student teaching or as a condition for receiving the institutional recommendation? This topic will be discussed further at the March meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30.