

University Council on Teacher Education
Minutes for February 4, 2009
1:00-3:00
200 Academy Street

Members Present: Michael Gamel-McCormick, Barry Joyce, Kathy Minke, Joe Pika, Gail Rys, Barbara VanDornick, Carol Vukelich, George Watson, Lynn Worden

Guests Present: Laura Glass

Members Excused: Janice Bibik, Suzanne Burton, John Hartman, Sara Thomas

Announcement

I. Fall 2008 End-of-Term Report (B. VanDornick)

Over 65% of the teacher education candidates are maintaining a 3.0 GPA or better. Thirty-three 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 can be provided.

II. Programs to be submitted for Review by September 15, 2009 (C. Vukelich)

NCATE has implemented a new electronic system for submitting program reports. Program coordinators can upload sections of their report into the NCATE template, save them, and make revisions later until the report is submitted. Reports need to be submitted no later than September 15, 2010; several program coordinators have indicated that they will submit their program review reports this September (2009). Carol provided a list of these programs.

III. Honor's Day (B. VanDornick)

Lynn Worden, Gail Rys, and Will Scott will serve on the Honor's Day Committee. Barbara will contact HPE for a representative from this college.

New Business

I. Wording of Praxis I and Praxis II in the Course Description for EDUC 400 (B. VanDornick)

Below is the current description in the course catalog.

EDUC 400 STUDENT TEACHING 3-12 PF - Full-time extended student teaching experience in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade schools. Students are under the guidance and supervision of a cooperating teacher in the classroom and a University of Delaware supervisor. PREREQ: Students must show evidence of passing Praxis I and must present evidence (copy of test scores) of taking a state-designated certification test in their academic content field. See student teaching program coordinator/course instructor for portfolio requirements.

Laura Glass indicated that this wording is not correct in the course catalog and that there is no mention of Praxis II. She proposed that a statement be included in each program's description, indicating that Praxis II was required of all candidates. Carol Vukelich stated that such a statement would require that every program would need to submit a program revision. The Council agreed to make Praxis II a co-requisite and to state that candidates must show evidence of taking the appropriate Praxis II test to receive institutional recommendation. Barbara agreed to edit the course description.

NCATE Annual Report (C. Vukelich)

Each January we are required to submit an annual report to NCATE describing changes to our unit, relative to each standard and the conceptual framework. Carol, Barbara, and John Hartman wrote last year's annual report. Prior to the meeting, Carol asked various Council members to report on each standard. Therefore, various UCTE members described the response to each standard. Joe Pika, who reported on Standard 2, suggested that in the future we might ask program coordinators to be more specific in identifying the data that resulted in specific program changes.

II. Student Teaching Fee (C. Vukelich)

Currently student teachers pay a \$75 student teaching fee. At the moment, this goes into UD's operating budget. The Council asked Michael Gamel-McCormick (Interim Dean, CHEP) to request that the funds come to the Office of Clinical Studies to support the Office's activities. Carol proposed that the fee be raised to at least \$150. She provided an example from Nursing; Nursing currently charges \$150 per placement, and the students have multiple placements over their 4 years. A member noted that our candidates already face several additional charges – Praxis I, Praxis II, soon the criminal background check fee. Members suggested that Carol investigate the student teaching rate at surrounding institutions (including New Jersey and New York). Even without this information, members recognized the need to increase the student teaching fee.

UCTE adjourned at 2:18.