

University Council on Teacher Education
Minutes for October 9, 2013
10:00-12:00
200 Academy Street

Members Present: Michelle Cirillo, Ralph Ferretti, Barry Joyce, Matthew Kinservik, Kathryn Kull, Lynn Okagaki, Cynthia Paris, Kate Scantlebury, Barbara VanDornick, Carol Vukelich, Linda Zankowsky

Members Excused: Janice Bibik, Laura Glass

Guest Present: Domenico Grasso

The September Minutes were approved as distributed.

Announcements

I. Enrollment Reports

Fall 2013 undergraduate teacher education enrollment is 1363. This is a decrease of only 10 students across all professional education programs from Fall 2012. Minority teacher education enrollment has remained consistent with last year at 11%.

II. Fall 2013 Admission Data

Barbara VanDornick distributed Fall 2013 freshmen and transfer student admission data for undergraduate teacher education programs. Enrollment for this fall is 334. This is an increase of 23 from the Fall 2012 when 311 freshmen and transfer students were admitted.

III. Pass Rate on Content Tests for Initial Teacher Preparation for 2012-2013

To receive the University's recommendation for certification, candidates are required to complete the Praxis II test in their content area. Candidates are not required to pass Praxis II. The overall pass rate across all programs is 98%. The recently passed Senate Bill No. 51 indicates that passage of a content knowledge test will be a requirement for program approval. When this law becomes enacted, the Council likely will need to change our policy of requiring candidates to take a content test but not to pass the test.

Old Business

I. Goals for the Office of Clinical Studies (Linda Zankowsky)

Linda Zankowsky distributed the Office of Clinical Studies mission statement and goals to clearly define services provided to all professional education programs across the University of Delaware. The Council discussed the document and made several recommendations for edits. Members agreed to send Linda their revision suggestions. The Council will consider the revised document at next month's meeting.

II. *Initial Candidates' and Cooperating Teacher Survey Data (Barbara VanDornick)*

Barbara shared data regarding teacher education candidates' at the end of their program and their cooperating teachers' view on their UD professional education experience. The means on all items were well above 4.0 on a 5.0 scale. Candidates indicated that they felt very well prepared and their cooperating teachers agreed. Currently this survey is aligned to the previous conceptual framework. As the unit has approved a revised conceptual framework, Barbara will share a revised survey with the Council for its approval.

New Business

I. *Provost Grasso*

The Provost joined UCTE for a rich discussion regarding UD's teacher education programs and candidates. Prior to his visit, Carol Vukelich forwarded him information describing how UCTE is the governing body for teacher educator preparation programs. As the Council members introduced themselves, Provost Grasso seemed very impressed with what he learned about our teacher education programs and our candidates. He noted that the College of Engineering was the only college without a teacher education program. He indicated that many institutions are moving toward requiring engineering as part of their curriculum. The Council and Provost Grasso engaged in a lengthy discussion of UD's various programs, partnerships, and recruitment efforts.

II. *University of Delaware Teacher Preparation Proposal: 2013-2015 (Linda Zankowsky)*

The Delaware Department of Education approved a significantly scaled-back version of the proposal the Council submitted. It agreed to fund two of the original eight objectives: developing partnerships with schools that agree to use the coteaching model and gathering post-teacher preparation data. Linda will spearhead the partnership component of the grant; a recently-formed Accreditation Task Force will spearhead the post-teacher preparation data gathering component. (Members of the Task Force include Kate Scantlebury, representing secondary education; Laura Glass, representing elementary education; Lynn Worden, representing early childhood education; and Barbara VanDornick, Linda Zankowsky, and Carol Vukelich, representing the Delaware Center for Teacher Education.)

III. *Senate Bill No. 51 (Carol Vukelich)*

Discussion of the bill was tabled until the November meeting. The changes higher education teacher education programs will be required to make are to be implemented by July 1, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.