

University Council on Teacher Education
Minutes for September 22, 2010
3:00-5:00
200 Academy Street

Members Present: Janice Bibik, Deb Bieler, Suzanne Burton, Nancy Brickhouse, Laura Glass, Robert Hampel, John Hartman, Joe Pika, Kate Scantlebury, Barbara VanDornick, Carol Vukelich

Members Excused: Donald Unger

Guest Present: Christine McBride

The minutes of May 17, 2010 were approved unanimously.

Announcements

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

Barbara distributed the end-of-spring-term reports. Only six students were dismissed.

II. Institutional Recommendations (Barbara VanDornick)

Institutional Recommendation indicates eligibility for state teacher certification and is noted on the candidate's official transcript. There were 377 candidates who received UD's Institutional Recommendation between September 2009-August 2010; 42 (11.14%) of these candidates identified themselves as minority students.

III. Updated on the FBI and Child Registry Procedures (John Hartman)

As of January 1, 2011, the State of Delaware is requiring any person seeking a student teaching placement to submit fingerprints and other necessary information in order to disclose their complete criminal history to the University of Delaware. The University MUST share this information with school districts BEFORE the district's can issue final approval for a student placement. No student teacher will be permitted to student teach without having completed State/Federal Criminal Background History check and a Child Protection Registry check; both will be reviewed by the University of Delaware's Office of Clinical Studies and the school district of the potential student teaching placement(s). John stated that are 357 candidates that need to be processed by October 15. Districts/charter schools will make the final determination of suitability for placement of a candidate. The criteria for placement vary from district/charter school to district/charter school. The Council decided to monitor the process and once reports are reviewed by the Office of Clinical Studies, the Council needs to take additional actions to ensure the smooth operation of the procedures.

New Business

- I. Overview of Conceptual Framework for Institutional Report (Barbara VanDornick)***
Barbara and Chris McBride walked the Council through the electronic exhibit room for the Conceptual Framework for the upcoming Institutional Report and Board of Examiners visit. The Institutional Report will be submitted in February or March of 2011. The Institutional Report will address the six standards, with the narrative for each standard linking to electronic documentation. Barbara distributed a draft of what is done to date. She welcomes feedback and/or comments.
- II. Planning for October 22 Professional Education Faculty Retreat on Conceptual***
Invitations will be sent out to professional education faculty for the October 22 retreat to be held in Trabant Multipurpose Room C from 8:30-12:00. Carol distributed copies of the Conceptual Framework, the Path to Prominence, CCSSO Core Teaching Standards, and a sample of the University of Kentucky's conceptual framework. Carol thought the morning would be spent looking at the Conceptual Framework which was developed in 1997 and revised in 2007 and considering questions like: Does it need updating? Do leadership and student learning need to be woven into the conceptual framework? After some discussion, it was decided that having other models available would be helpful.
- III. Student and Cooperating Teacher for Initial Programs (John Hartman)***
Tabled until October.
- IV. Dispositions Data Report: Initial and Advanced (John Hartman)***
The Council reconsidered the data gathering procedures for the advanced level. The current policy requires candidates engage in a self-assessment at their exit from the program, in addition to data gathered at candidates' entry and mid-program points. The Council reconsidered the value of the end-of-program self-assessment and determined that gathering these data was not useful. A motion was made and seconded to eliminate the candidates' self-assessment at their exit from the unit. The motion was approved unanimously by the Council.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.