

University Council on Teacher Education

Minutes for April 18, 2002

1:00-3:00 p.m.

217 Willard Hall

Members Present: Gaysha Beard, Nancy Brickhouse, Chris Clark, Alice Eyman, Janet Smith, Barbara VanDornick

Members Excused: Timothy Barnekov, Michael Ferrari, Barry Joyce, Joseph Pika, Marcia Watson-Whitmyre, Carol Vukelich

Guest Present: Cindy Holland

Announcements

I. Graduate Program Enrollment and Matriculation Numbers

Since many graduate students do not enroll in courses during each semester, matriculation numbers and enrollment numbers will be presented and tracked each year. As of fall 2001, 452 candidates were matriculated in graduate professional education programs in the School of Education. During the Spring 2002, 328 candidates were enrolled in graduate professional education courses.

II. 2001 Title II Cohort

The University of Delaware's pass rate on Praxis I for the 2000–2001 cohort is 94% across all programs. Of the 335 students identified for this cohort, 231 (70%) took Praxis I. A copy of the University's Title II Report can be found on the UCTE web page.

III. Project Search: Careers for Teachers – March 20 and 21, 2001

During this two-day event, 136 personnel representing 136 school districts from 12 different states conducted more than 3200 interviews. Feedback from students attending Project Search indicates that the out-of-state school districts are much more likely than Delaware districts to offer contracts and follow-up interviews during this event. Most Delaware districts do not make job offers until late summer. Members suggested that UCTE send a letter to Delaware superintendents stating Project Search statistics, the concerns expressed by students, and some examples of effective recruitment strategies used by some of the out-of-state districts. Cindy Holland will compile a list of some effective recruitment strategies.

IV. Student Teacher Evaluation Data Analysis

Data were distributed on the evaluation of the student teaching experience by students for Fall 2000 through Fall 2001. Members expressed concern that there were too many questions on the evaluation instrument and suggested that the questions be broadened into categories. Barbara VanDornick asked that UCTE members review the evaluation instrument and forward their suggestions to Carol Vukelich. In addition, Barbara VanDornick distributed the results from a data analysis of the midterm and final evaluations for ETE students during the Fall semester 2001. This is the kind of report that DCTE will provide program coordinators each semester. These data are generated from the Pathwise student teacher final reports completed by the University supervisors. The Pathwise items have been linked to the conceptual framework outcomes. Coordinators will be able to use these data in their program assessment plan to judge candidates' performance during student teaching on each of the ten outcomes.

Old Business

I. Undergraduate Student Representative

Leighla Lawler was nominated and approved as the undergraduate representative on UCTE.

II. Unit Assessment System Responsibilities Chart

This chart was revised as previously requested. Members will review this chart and bring comments to the May meeting. Carol Vukelich was directed to put the chart on the UCTE website.

III. UCTE Program Review Policy

This item will be discussed in May.

IV. Summer Courses Offered for Teachers

Of the 55 education courses offered this summer, 13 are being offered in the morning. These morning classes conflict with the school districts' summer school programs. Chris Clark stated that this is an improvement over previous years, but he would review the summer session scheduling process in the future.

V. *NCATE Date Choice*

Early November appears to be the best date for all units. Members recommended that Carol Vukelich contact NAEYC to ensure that we do not schedule our NCATE visit in conflict with their annual conference.

New Business

I. Discipline Areas Mathematics and English

Discussion on this was postponed to the May meeting.

II. Praxis I

Previously UCTE had approved the policy that beginning Fall 2002 all students would be required to pass Praxis I tests prior to enrolling in student teaching. Some students have

challenged this requirement since it was not required at the time they entered the University.
After much discussion, a

motion was made and unanimously approved that the UCTE policy be amended to begin Spring 2003.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.