

University Council on Teacher Education

Minutes for February 19, 2003

2:00-4:00 p.m.

217 Willard Hall

Members Present: Tim Barnekov, Nancy Brickhouse, John Burmeister, Jinfa Cai, Chris Clark, Alice Eyman, Larry Griffith, Jennifer Joyce, Janet Smith, Barbara VanDornick, Carol Vukelich

Members Excused: Joan DelFattore, Christine Evans, Barry Joyce

The Minutes from December 18, 2002 were approved as distributed.

Announcement

I. Specialty Organization Response to 2/19/03

The following responses have been received to date to the Program Review Reports submitted to the specialty organizations. Granted national recognition or continued national recognition: National Council of Social Studies: Secondary Social Studies Education Program (Undergraduate); Association for Childhood Education International: Elementary Teacher Education Program (Undergraduate); National Association for Sport and Physical Education: Physical Education (Undergraduate); National Council for Teachers of English: English Education (Undergraduate); National Association for the Education of Young Children: Early Childhood Education (Undergraduate); National Association for the Education of Young Children: Special Education; Council for Exceptional Children: Learning Disabilities (Undergraduate and Graduate). Not recommended for national recognition (rejoinders to be filed by April 15): National Science Teachers Association: Middle School Science (undergraduate/general science);

undergraduate secondary/ biology, chemistry, earth sciences, physics; National Middle School Association: ETE/Middle Level Teacher Preparation; International Reading Association: Advanced Reading Specialist; National Council of Teachers of Mathematics: ETE/Grades 5-8 and 7-12 Mathematics; National Council of Teacher of English: English Education (Graduate)

II. Implementation of Praxis I Requirement as a Pre-Requisite to Student Teaching

In January, UCTE members approved, via an e-mail vote, the following policy: Candidates who have not passed Praxis I may begin student teaching this spring 2003 but will not receive a grade for student teaching until they have passed this test.

III. State Reviewers of UD Program Review Reports

As per our agreement with the Department of Education, the selection of the persons to review the University's programs for state approval was to have been a joint decision between each program coordinator and the State Department of Education.

Unfortunately, the Department invited people to serve as program reviewers without first contacting UD for approval. After considerable discussion, UCTE decided that the Chair should write a letter to DOE indicating that given that people had already been invited to review our programs, we would accept these people as our programs' reviewers.

However, we reserve the right to request a mutually agreed upon second reviewer, should we disagree with the initial reviewer's assessment of any program.

Old Business

I. 2002-2003 Changes to the ATED Program (R. Bacon)

Richard Bacon was unable to attend the meeting due to the snow. Therefore, the discussion of the requested revision to the ATED program was delayed until the next meeting.

New Business

I. UCTE Bylaws

The Council voted unanimously to amend Article II: Members section of UCTE’s bylaws, eliminating the following: “The Administrative Committee, composed of the Director of the Delaware Center for Teacher Education and the deans of the colleges that offer professional education programs; and a Program Committee....” This reverses an amendment to the bylaws made on November 9, 2000, returning the Council to the original two classes of members: ex-officio and elected. The Dean of the College of Human Services, Education and Public Policy serves as an active UCTE member. Should it be important for all deans of professional education units to discuss a particular issue, the CHEP dean will bring the matter to the Dean’s Council for discussion.

II. Knowledge and Skills Clusters for Delaware Educators

UCTE’s appointed Professional Cluster Review Standing Committee (Kathy Hollowell, Carol Vukelich and Gail Rys) met and recommended for approval four University of Delaware cluster proposals:

1. Delaware Reading Project Summer Invitational Institute
2. The Teaching of Reading
3. Delaware Writing Project Summer Invitational Institute
4. The Teaching of Writing

The Council decided that professional development clusters should come to UCTE following review by the standing committee as an announcement, not for votes of approval. Following the announcement and with no challenge, the UCTE chair will forward the proposal to the State’s Professional Standards Board or Department of Education, should the Professional Standards Board not be renewed.

III. Teacher Recertification

During January, program coordinators who place candidates in schools for practicum, student teaching, and internship experiences prepared a plan that would allow teachers who worked with UD candidates in field-based experiences to earn hours towards their recertification (a new State requirement). The coordinators proposed that teachers could earn a maximum of 10 hours per semester for working with candidates during practicum experiences and 15 hours per semester for working with candidates during student teaching. They identified possible tasks that teachers might do to fulfill the recertification hours, tasks required beyond minimal expectations for working with UD candidates. The coordinators' goal was to attract more high quality teachers to work with UD candidates. Because of possible implications for workload and a need to assign persons to oversee this process, the Council directed the Chair to contact the program coordinators to request that they discuss this plan with appropriate people in their department and report to UCTE on how the department will implement the plan before proceeding with the offering of recertification hours to program colleagues in the field. Once this report is filed, then UCTE will begin issuing certificates to the program's teachers verifying the number of earned hours.

V. Praxis II Tests Under Consideration for Delaware Certification

Senate Bill 260 directs the State to develop regulations that will require teachers in Delaware to successfully pass a Praxis II test (in those subject areas where a test has been approved) for Delaware certification. Delaware Regulation 1566 is this regulation. The regulation has been approved by the Professional Standards Board and will be considered by the State Board of Education soon. The Council reviewed the list of State-approved Praxis II tests ([see attachment](#)) and began the discussion of whether or not UD's professional education programs should require candidates to pass Praxis II to graduate. Barbara Van Dornick also alerted the Council that once Delaware Regulation 1566 is approved any teacher certified in one area may become certified in other areas simply by passing the Praxis II test in those areas and that, though the State has two separate sets of certification requirements for primary (K-4) and the middle level (5-8), candidates for either of these certificates will be required to take the same test. Discussion on this item will continue at the next meeting.

VI. Honor's Day

The Council discussed the time line and procedures for the nomination and selection of UCTE Honors Day awards and appointed a committee to work on UCTE's behalf to select the recipients of UCTE's Honors Day awards. The following people will serve on this committee: Barbara VanDornick (chair), Alice Eyman, Larry Griffith, and Steve Goodwin.

VII. Correction in Transcript Posting.

Alice Eyman presented the following request on behalf of the Early Childhood Development and Education candidates in the Department of Individual and Family Studies. Those ECDE candidates who complete the required K-4 primary grades courses, in addition to the Early Care and Education courses required in their program, should have the completion of the courses required by the State for the K-4 endorsement recognized on their transcript through the inclusion of the following: K-4/Primary Endorsement. The Council unanimously approved this request.

The Council adjourned at 4:00 p.m.