

University Council on Teacher Education
Minutes for September 8, 2003
10-00- 12:00 p.m.
217 Willard Hall

Members present: Tim Barnekov, Nancy Brickhouse, John Burmeister, Chris Clark, Joan DelFattore, Christine Evans, Alice Eyman, Barry Joyce, Bonnie Robb, Janet Smith, Barbara VanDornick, Carol Vukelich

Members absent: Jennifer Joyce

Announcement

I. Praxis II

Examples of Praxis II questions were distributed. Barbara VanDornick reported that the current recommendation of the Professional Standards Board's Licensure Committee is that students who complete a State of Delaware-approved program would not be required to take the Praxis II test in their field to be licensed to teach in Delaware. This recommendation has not yet been approved by the Professional Standards Board or the State Board of Education.

Old Business

I. NCATE – Institutional Report

The entire Institutional Report is posted to the unit's web. Carol Vukelich asked that members read and submit comments to her by September 15. The Institutional Report narrative includes links to numerous documents. These documents provide the substance of the unit's electronic exhibit room. CD Roms will be burned for the Board of Examiner team members and shipped to them by September 25, one month before their arrival, as required.

The NCATE BOE Chair, Frank Meyers, visited campus on September 2. While on campus he met with Carol Vukelich, Barbara VanDornick, Dean Barnekov, Provost Rich, many program coordinators, and department chairs. His initial response to the unit's level of preparedness for the visit was positive. He had not read any section of the Institutional Report.

Members reviewed standards 3-6 and recommended several revisions to the text. These included

- adding information about the unit's candidates' experiences at the Latin American Community Center.
- highlighting that Delaware ranks fourth in the nation in the graduation of minority students.

- adding information on Ron Whittington's appointment as Special Assistant to the Dean of the College of Human Services, Education and Public Policy for recruitment and Terry Whittaker's appointment as Assistant Provost for Student Diversity and Success.
- mentioning the various centers in CHEP as examples of the College's infrastructure for collaborating with the professional community.
- making clearer the small percentage of courses taught by part-time faculty.
- encouraging faculty to update their vita.
- including information about the Preschool Laboratory and the College School.
- highlighting the University's positive financial situation (still hiring new faculty, faculty still receiving raises)
- adding information about the Foreign Language Media Center.

The next meeting will take place on September 29 at 10:00. Standards 1-3 will be reviewed, with special focus on candidate data, as required by the Unit Assessment System.

The meeting adjourned 12:15 p.m.