

University Council on Teacher Education
Minutes for April 23, 2012
1:30-3:30
200 Academy Street

Members Present: Ellen Baca, Deb Bieler, Laura Glass, Bob Hampel, John Hartman, Lynn Okagaki, Joe Pika, Kate Scantlebury, Barbara VanDornick, Carol Vukelich, Lynn Worden

Members Excused: Jan Bibik, Suzanne Burton

Guests Present: John Madsen

The minutes of March 19, 2012 were approved.

Announcements

- I. Title II Data (Barbara VanDornick)
Each year, the unit submits a Title II report. Barbara distributed a copy of this year's submission. She drew the members' attention to our initial teacher preparation candidates' pass rates on the Praxis II content tests for 2010-2011, noting that our pass rates are very positive.
- II. Professional Education Awards (Barbara VanDornick)
The UCTE subcommittee met and selected the candidates for this year's UCTE awards. The awards will be presented on May 7 at the National Teacher of Year event.

Old Business

- I. CAEP (Carol Vukelich)
As requested by the Council at the March meeting, Carol Vukelich invited Frank Murray to attend UCTE to discuss the NCATE and TEAC transition to CAEP. Unfortunately, Frank was unavailable to attend UCTE's April or May meetings. Carol will invite him to attend one of the fall UCTE meetings.

The Delaware Department of Education is considering the kind of partnership it will form with CAEP, and has requested input from the higher education institutions. The Council discussed its preference for the program level review process. CAEP has proposed three options: Specialty Program Association review with national recognition, CAEP review with no national recognition, and state review. It is likely that the Department will require a form of external review due to its staff limitations. Given that the details of the CAEP review process are unknown at this time, UCTE recommended that institutions be given the option to select the process and wondered if the option could be at the program level or if it would need to be at the unit level (with all programs needing to follow the same selected process).

New Business

- I. Proposed B.S. Earth Science Education Major (John Madsen)
John Madsen presented the proposed revision to the current BA in Earth Science Education. The significant changes include an increase in science-content courses and the change from a BA in Earth Science Education to a BS in Earth Science Education. John and the Council believe that the proposed revisions will strengthen secondary earth science education candidates. UCTE approved the proposed changes with one abstention.
- II. Early Childhood Education Program Review Report Data (Lynn Worden)
Lynn Worden reported that the Early Childhood Education program is the only nationally recognized early childhood with special education blended program in the country. Data indicate that its candidates meet or exceed expectations on all standards. The faculty have identified work with families as an area for addition attention. In addition, Lynn indicated that enrollments numbers are increasing steadily.
- III. Center for Secondary Education Awards (Kate Scantlebury)
Kate Scantlebury asked for UCTE's approval to distribute the Center for Secondary Education's awards for outstanding student teachers at the May 7 UCTE event. Secondary education faculty have worked to develop an initial set of criteria for its student teaching awards which will not include the 3.0 GPA or higher requirement or set a limit in the number of awards a program might provide. The Council approved the motion to permit the Center for Secondary Education to present these awards at the National Teacher of the Year/UCTE event on May 7.
- IV. Operation Educate the Educator (Carol Vukelich)
The government is actively encouraging higher education institution to become more knowledgeable in teaching our students to be more aware of the challenges related to military-connected students, preschool through college. Carol Vukelich will investigate what the training involves. Inviting someone to campus to speak to faculty could be a possibility. AACTE and Vice-President and Jill Biden support this cause.
- V. Human Capital Analytics (Carol Vukelich)
There were several UCTE members involved in a meeting with the Harvard Center for Education Policy Research; this is the center that the Delaware Department of Education has contracted with to gather information on higher education institutions' alumni's success in enhancing student learning. They have not clearly defined their plan of action. A future meeting will address more specifically what they hope to accomplish and what information they would like us to supply.

UCTE adjourned at 2:50.

