

University Council on Teacher Education
Minutes for March 13, 2013
1:30-3:30
200 Academy Street

Members Present: Janice Bibik, Suzanne Burton, Ralph Ferretti, Laura Glass, Gabrielle Guadagnino, Barry Joyce, Lynn Okagaki, Joe Pika, Barbara VanDornick, Carol Vukelich, Lynn Worden

Members Excused: Michelle Cirillo, Linda Zankowsky

Guest Present: Al Cavalier, Dede Lilly, Barbara Settles, Melva Ware

The February minutes were approved as distributed, with one abstention. Lynn Worden had to leave the February meeting at 3:30, and she had questions regarding the federal background clearance required effective fall 2013 and the annual required TB testing. International students receive a vaccination and, therefore, will always test positive on the TB test. After some discussion of the matter, Carol Vukelich indicated that she will speak with Linda Zankowsky regarding how to proceed with these students. Students should not be required to have an x-ray each year.

Announcements

I. Meeting with Superintendents

Lynn Okagaki met with superintendents and reported the following: (a) They are very happy to hire our graduates; (b) they would like all students to exhibit stronger classroom management strategies; (c) they would like our ETE students to possess stronger content knowledge in math; and (d) they would like our secondary students to possess stronger pedagogical content knowledge.

II. Spring 2013 Enrollment Reports

Barbara VanDornick reported that there was an increase in the number of teacher education candidates between fall and spring semesters. The total enrollment in spring 2013 is 1454. (It was 1397 in spring 2012.) The unusual increase was due to internal transfers.

III. Pi Lambda Theta

Carol Vukelich asked Council members to consider whether or not a chapter of Pi Lambda Theta should be formed on campus. This organization's membership would be restricted to outstanding education students. The Council decided that since there is a chapter of Kappa Delta Pi already on campus, Pi Lambda Theta would compete for membership with Kappa Delta Pi. Therefore, the Council decided that a second organization for the same select group of students could be problematic.

Old Business

I. Operation Educate the Educators (Al Cavalier, Deirdre Lilly, Barbara Settles, Jan Bibik)

Carol Vukelich reminded the Council that it formed a task force to investigate how our professional education programs were providing candidates with information on how to work with children/students of military families and what information programs already were providing candidates on this topic. The task force prepared a report of their findings (see attachment). The task force discovered that UD professional education candidates are being provided with little to no information on this topic. As a first step, the Council decided to provide a workshop for all teacher education student teachers, beginning in the fall semester. UCTE thanked the Task Force for their hard work and very impressive report on the topic. Chris McBride has provided links to a variety of materials on this topic on the teacher education website.

II. Display of Candidate Performance Data for NCATE (Barbara VanDornick)

Barbara distributed a profile of 2012-2013 undergraduate teacher education candidates' performance. NCATE is requiring institutions to post on their website information on the quality of their programs and candidates. NCATE provided no parameters on what should be posted. Barbara requested guidance on what should be posted. A subcommittee consisting of Barbara VanDornick, Lynn Okagaki, and Joe Pika will work together to identify what data would tout the high quality of our programs and candidates. Since the report is due before the April UCTE meeting, Council members will be polled via email to assess their agreement with the subcommittee's proposal.

III. Policy on Student Teaching with Two Placements (Kate Scantlebury/Joe Pika)

Joe proposed the following temporary process be put in place until the Clinical Studies Policies and Procedures Task Force submits its report: Students seeking to complete two majors and dual certification should request a meeting with the coordinators of both programs to create an agreed upon plan for the dual major completion. Because the secondary education faculty had not yet reviewed the proposed policy, this proposal was tabled until next month.

New Business

I. ASPIRE 2011-12 Annual Report (Melva Ware)

Melva distributed a report outlining what ASPIRE accomplished last year (see attachment). Enrollment is holding steady, and the retention rate is great. Some of the highlights that Melva provided include: ASPIRE is a national model; ASPIRE provides teacher education candidates opportunities to develop strong leadership skills; ASPIRE students were very excited to be a part of the NCATE process; 25 teacher education candidates received merit/need scholarships; 15 students received book awards of \$300 for their commitment to service; and 2 students were awarded \$6,000 each as merit and ASPIRE service awards. Melva encouraged Council members to each sponsor a book award for students who engage in service activities.

II. *Become a Partner with the MET Extension Project (Carol Vukelich)*

This item was tabled until April.

III. *Delaware Educator Preparation Improvement (Carol Vukelich)*

Carol Vukelich distributed the Powerpoint she collected at a recent Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) meeting. DDOE will be proposing changes to educator preparation at Delaware institutions of higher education. Items discussed include: selective admission requirements; a year-long clinical experience; and require all teacher education candidates to pass a reading Praxis test. DDOE may not continue to require NCATE accreditation.

IV. *Federal Background Check*

Effective fall 2013, all students who will be involved in a practicum in a school or early childhood center will need to complete a federal background check. The Office of Clinical Studies will be notifying students that they will need to make an appointment at State Police Troop 2 to complete this background check before they leave for summer break. The Council discussed the challenge students without cars will face getting to Troop 2 in Bear, Delaware.

UCTE adjourned at 3:40