

**University Council on Teacher Education**  
**Minutes for November 10, 2014**  
**10:00-12:00**  
**200 Academy Street**

**Members Present:** Michelle Cirillo, Ralph Ferretti, Barry Joyce, Lynn Okagaki, Cynthia Paris, Kate Scantlebury, Alden Snell, Barbara VanDornick, Carol Vukelich, George Watson, Linda Zankowsky

**Member Excused:** Janice Bibik

The Council approved the October minutes as distributed.

**Old Business**

**I. *ASPIRE (Kristine Ritz Coll)***

Kristine was unable to attend this meeting. She provided a description of program activities for Council members' review. ASPIRE no longer has scholarships available; this change appears to have resulted in a decline in interest. Alexis Bigelow is the graduate student working with Kristine on the ASPIRE efforts. Barry Joyce noted that Alexis will be making a presentation at the Success through Education conference that Carol Wong, Hannah Kim, and he are running. Barry also indicated that the Delaware FEA Conference is on December 17. He emphasized the need for UD to have more of a presence at this conference.

**II. *Professionalism Policy for Professional Education Candidates (Kate Scantlebury, Linda Zankowsky, Cynthia Paris)***

In December, the Council unanimously approved the policies and procedures that the Student Conduct and Dispositions Task Force (Laura Glass, Kate Scantlebury, Cynthia Paris, and Linda Zankowsky) developed. At that time, the council directed the task force to work over the spring semester to clarify aspects of the policies and procedures and to revise UCTE's disposition policy and the items assessed. After reviewing the revised document, the Council felt that the procedures needed reconsideration. The concern is that the procedures, as proposed, might not provide sufficient monitoring of candidates' dispositions over their tenure in their program. Barbara VanDornick asked the Council to consider a mid-program data collection point. Discussion on this item will continue at the December meeting.

**III. *Criminal Background Check Absolute Due Date for Each Semester (Carol Vukelich)***

Linda Zankowsky indicated that the policy states: "The Criminal Background Check (CBC) should be completed before you leave campus in the semester prior to your placement in order to ensure that the records are in the Office of Clinical Studies (OCS) by the first day of classes. (NOTE: It may take up to 6 weeks to receive the results.) ..... Failure to have a valid CBC in the OCS on the first day of classes will mean that you will need to drop your courses with field placements." After discussion,

the Council authorized OCS to adhere to the hard deadline. For incoming freshman, OCS needs to make sure that these new candidates and their parents are aware of this policy. Linda Zankowsky and Carol Phipps will meet with Kristine Ritz Coll to discuss ways to disseminate information to incoming candidates.

## **New Business**

### ***I. School of Education Program Revisions (Ralph Ferretti)***

- *MAT Disestablishment*  
This program was provisionally approved for five years beginning in 2010. When funding was no longer available, interest in the program disappeared. There currently are no students in the program. The School of Education requested permission to disestablish the program. UCTE unanimously approved the disestablishment of the program.
- *MI Disestablishment*  
When the state stopped subsidizing educators' tuition, the program suffered declining enrollments. The M.Ed. in Teacher Leadership, an online program, will replace the MI program. The School of Education requested approval to disestablish the program. UCTE unanimously approved the disestablishment of the MI program, with revision to the rationale on the Faculty Senate Forms.
- *M.Ed. in School Leadership Disestablishment*  
There is a moratorium on new admissions to the M.Ed. in School Leadership program. The School of Education requested permission to disestablish the program, with the intent to replace it with the alternative route to school leadership program Jackie Wilson and a team of Delaware educators are developing. A version of this alternative route program was submitted to the Department of Education last year. After approval by the Professional Standards Board and the State Board of Education, the Secretary of Education rejected it. His perspective is that the program must include a full-year internship. The development team is revising the program for resubmission in December. Since the alternative route program is not yet approved, the Council was hesitant to approve the School's request for disestablishing the M.Ed. program. Dean George Watson suggested that the School request an extension of the moratorium on admission. The Council voted to table the request.
- *M.Ed. in Educational Technology Revision*  
The School of Education requested permission to revise the program. The requested revisions to the program were necessary to align with the new AECT and ISTE standards. UCTE unanimously approved the programmatic changes.
- *ETE Revisions*
  1. *English as a Second Language Concentration.* The School of Education requested approval to revise the concentration to specify the courses that count as restricted electives. Students choosing the ESL concentration must take one Foreign Languages and Literatures course at the 100 level or higher.
  2. *Middle School Science Concentration.* The School of Education requested approval to revise the science course electives to meet accreditation criteria. Old courses were removed and updated with new courses.

3. *Middle School English Concentration.* The School of Education requested approval to revise the concentration to better align with accreditation requirements and to better support student understanding of writing instruction methods.
4. *Middle School Mathematics Concentration.* The School of Education requested approval of its revision of required courses to better align with NCTM standards and CAEP accreditation. The changes will strengthen the mathematical foundations of its candidates.
5. *Middle School Social Studies Concentration.* The School of Education requested approval of changes to the elective course list.

The Council approved all requested revisions.

- *M.Ed. in Teacher Leadership.* The School of Education requested approval to increase the GPA requirement for admission into the program. UCTE unanimously approved this revision.

**II. *Program Changes to the Secondary Math Education Programs (Michelle Cirillo)***

The Department of Mathematical Sciences requested approval to revise the requirements for the B.S. and B.A. in Math Education, specifically to revise MATH379 and MATH380. The department sought approval to increase MATH 379 from a 1-credit to a 3-credit course and MATH380 from a 3-credit to a 4-credit course. These changes will allow more time to address the teaching and learning of topics linked to new Common Core State Standards in mathematics. In addition, the department requested approval to reduce that the total number of credit hours for electives so that there is no change in total number of credit hours require for the degrees. UCTE unanimously approved the revisions.

**III. *HPE Program Change (Janice Bibik)***

The Health and Physical Education program faculty requested approval to replace BHAN141 with BHAN276 to meet accreditation requirements. UCTE unanimously approved the program change.

**IV. *Survey Results for Candidate at Program Exit, Alumni, Employer, and Cooperating Teachers (Barbara VanDornick)***

Barbara distributed the survey data from 2013-2014. She pointed out that the ratings were consistent on each of the items across the four groups. The alumni survey had the lowest return rate at 40%.

**V. *Pathwise (Barbara VanDornick)***

2013-2014 Pathwise item data show the average range from a 4.22-4.77, with 5 being the highest possible rating.

**VI. *NCTQ Reignites Document-Collection Efforts, Now Through PK-12 Partners (Linda Zankowsky)***

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) the Office of Clinical Studies is currently using should be updated to meet CAEP standards by spring. Linda Zankowsky is reaching out to other institutions to gather samples. Linda asked that Council members consider what should be included in UD/school district MOUs, and to come to the December meeting with their lists of items. The topic will be revisited in December.

UCTE adjourned at 12:05 pm.