

University Council on Teacher Education
Minutes for March 14, 2016
1:30-3:30
200 Academy Street, Room 210

Members Present: Michelle Cirillo, Ralph Ferretti, Laura Glass, Myae Han, Brandon Jackson, Laurie Palmer, Kate Scantlebury, Alden Snell, Carol Vukelich, Sharon Walpole, George Watson, Linda Zankowsky

Members Not Present: Jan Bibik, Sydney Palmer

Guests Present: Renée Dong, Christine Gorowara, Cynthia Lees

February 8, 2016 minutes were unanimously approved.

Announcements

1. Spring 2016 Enrollment Report (Christine Gorowara)
 - Christine reported a net loss of 54 teacher candidates from Fall 2015 to Spring 2016. The candidates who left the educator preparation programs (e.g., due to graduation, transferring to another major) were not disproportionately from diverse backgrounds.
2. edTPA Teacher Candidate Data (Christine Gorowara)
 - Christine reviewed the scores of 16 teacher candidates who submitted their edTPA to Pearson in the past two years. We had two candidates who would not have passed the assessment according to the new Delaware passing score of 38 effective July 1st. Four students had particularly low scores on Task 3: Assessing Student Learning.
 - We should keep track of the numbers of candidates in each program who score at the mastery level and share the numbers on our websites.
3. UD Educator Preparation Alliance Members and Meeting (Laura Glass)
 - Laura shared the list of Alliance members. They represent DDOE, DSEA, and several school/school districts from across the state. Their first meeting is May 11th from 5:00 – 8:00.
4. Taskstream as new DCTE database management system (Laura Glass)
 - Laura announced that DCTE will be purchasing a site license for Taskstream to serve as the new database management system. Taskstream will replace the multiple data repositories in DCTE, including FEPS, SEEDS, Qualtrics, Access, and many Excel spreadsheets. This database will create efficiencies, enable better dissemination of data and information to faculty and candidates, and promote data analysis. The site license gives candidates and faculty Taskstream accounts for free. Candidates can elect to maintain their account for \$12/year when they leave UD. Taskstream communicates directly with UDSIS, Canvas, and Sakai. DCTE will be setting up webinars for faculty before the end of the semester and piloting a few programs this spring in anticipation of full implementation in fall of 2016.

5. DDOE EPP Report Workgroup

- Laura reported that the workgroup met on February 29. It recommended adding the Praxis Subject Assessment to the Candidate Performance domain and moving the Praxis Core to the Recruitment domain in the educator preparation program (EPP) reports (scorecards). It also proposed that EPPs receive all possible points for the Praxis Subject Assessment metric when the mean Praxis score for a program is the passing score for certification, but DOE was not receptive to this idea.

New Business

1. Survey Task Force – (Linda Zankowsky)

Linda reviewed the following surveys.

- Candidate Survey on Field Instructor
 - The Council discussed the need to require a minimum number of field instructor observations in a student teaching placement. A minimum number of six observations was listed in former UD student teaching guidelines. Members supported the idea of field instructors recording their activities/feedback electronically and a task force in the fall identifying a minimum number of field instructor observations in each placement.
 - ETE and Secondary Science no longer would like the optional coteaching survey questions for their programs. ECE would like this set of questions to remain for them.
 - Survey approved.
- Candidate Survey on Clinical Educator
 - Secondary Science no longer would like the optional coteaching questions.
 - Survey approved.
- Clinical Educator Survey
 - Remove questions #1-21 because they are redundant with the Clinical Capstone Evaluation questions.
 - Change “host” to “mentor” in question #10 in the Student Teaching Experience section.
 - Survey approved with the above revisions.
- Field Instructor Survey on Clinical Educators

The Council discussed the purpose of the survey and the need for feedback on the clinical educators. They agreed that field instructors should rate individual clinical educators rather than the cohort of clinical educators as a whole. What is the best approach to gather this information? The Council will continue discussing this question at the next meeting.

Carol announced that President Targett is hosting a reception for clinical educators.

Tabled for next meeting:

1. Proposed Provisional License by DDOE (Carol Vukelich)
2. UCTE Bylaws revisions (Laura Glass)

Meeting adjourned at 3:35