

University Council on Teacher Education
Minutes for September 21, 2018
12:00-2:00
200 Academy Street, Room 210

Members Present: Suzanne Burton, Christine Gorowara, Charles Hohensee, Steff Kotch-Jester, Chrystalla Mouza, Jennifer Nauen, Tracy Quan, Kate Scantlebury

Not Present: Soumita Basu, Jenna Comeau, Bridgette Johnson, Carol Vukelich

Guests: Cindy Holland

The May 14, 2018 minutes were unanimously approved.

Announcements

- Welcome new members
 - Suzanne Burton is now serving as John Pelesko's designee from the College of Arts and Sciences. Tracy Quan will represent secondary education and Steff Kotch-Jester will represent elementary education.
- Upcoming Events (Cindy Holland)
 - Cindy discussed the upcoming education recruitment events.
 - **Education Meetup – Thursday, October 30th from 5-7 pm** in Trabant Multipurpose Rooms
 - Informal networking opportunity for students to meet education-related employers from Delaware as well as out-of-state.
 - **DVEC (Greater Philadelphia Education Job Fair) – April 3rd from 9:30 – 2:30** – Expo Center at Oaks, PA
 - Over 200 schools/districts across the country will participate. The challenge this year is it takes place during our spring break. Career Services will pay the \$5 participation fee and charter a bus for student transportation if there is enough interest/need.
 - **Teach in Delaware Day – April 11th from 9-3** in Trabant Multipurpose Rooms
 - Recruitment day for students interested in Delaware teaching opportunities. (Only Delaware employers).
- Spring 2018 End-of-Term Reports (Christine Gorowara)
 - Christine noted the Spring 2018 End-of Term report is available for review. There are no significant differences from last year.
- Capstone Evaluation Data (Christine Gorowara)
 - Christine noted the Capstone Evaluation Data is available for review. There are no significant differences from last year.

- UCTE Meeting Site – Google Drive (Debbie Ziomek)
 - Debbie explained the UCTE meeting site has moved from Sakai to Google Drive. All meeting material will now be available on new site. If anyone has any questions or has not received access to Google Drive, please send Debbie an email.
- Science Coalition Statement (Christine Gorowara)
 - Christine reviewed the Delaware science coalition position statement on recruitment and retention of secondary science and engineering preservice teachers. Our general response is that we are currently doing everything we can to accomplish the bullets on the statement.
- DDOE Scorecard Review Period (Christine Gorowara)
 - Christine reviewed the Delaware Department of Education Educator Preparation Program Reports, also known as the Scorecards, which are used for program approval. There are 6 domains that are made up of 2-4 metrics.
 - The scorecards are published once every two years. Changes for 2018 was to change “Placement [Employment] in High-Needs Schools in Delaware” to “Student Teaching Placement Rate in Delaware High Needs Schools”. The teacher prep program argument to DDOE was that we have little control over where our students take jobs in Delaware or a high needs schools, and we agreed that we have more control over where we place student teachers. The other metric that was changed was content readiness for Praxis II. In 2016, DDOE standardized all Praxis II scores then compared them to each other. UD demonstrated that this process led to invalid conclusions. For 2018, DDOE is comparing Praxis II scores for each test to the national averages for that test.
 - Overall, UD was low in two domains: Recruitment and Employment & Placement. The Recruitment domain is made of two metrics—diversity, which was low in almost all cases, and candidate academic strength, which was high in almost all cases. For the Employment & Placement domain, we were low in the employment in Delaware metric but high in student teaching placement in high needs schools.
 - Discussed our clinical educators and how we can reward teachers. Suggested to hold a clinical educator appreciation event, give them access to the gym, offer to pay them more. Are there more funds available? Some departments do hold individual events for their educators.

Old Business

1. 10% Waiver Discussion (Christine Gorowara)

- Christine reviewed the proposed 10% waiver discussion where each program can determine if they wish to participate in 10% waiver. They must present to UCTE for approval by December 2018 and post policy on their department website. If the program would like, they can submit to DCTE first for review. It was suggested to offer guidelines to programs for developing their policy. Programs should submit their policy at least two weeks before the UCTE meeting that it will be reviewed.

New Business

1. Bylaw Review (Christine Gorowara)
 - Christine reviewed the bylaw change to limit the program proposals and reviews as it might be too broad and should just include ones leading to certification. Based on the UCTE mission as articulated in the bylaws (http://www.ucte.udel.edu/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/UCTE-Bylaws_050916.pdf), which includes the responsibility “To advise the Provost, the Faculty Senate, the deans of all colleges offering professional education programs and their faculties about all matters relating to professional education at the University), the council felt the bylaws criteria was sufficient.
2. Disposition Process/Policy Acknowledgement (Christine Gorowara)
 - Christine reviewed the disposition policy process that is now administered through Qualtice instead of Taskstream. The candidate signs the form only once, and is reminded each year of the dispositions. The UD lawyer says it doesn’t matter if the candidate has seen or signed the form as they still have to adhere to the policy, but compliance is more effective if we ensure that candidates are aware of our expectations. Since we are now a part of the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements, we have to publish the information on our website and prove that students are informed by keeping accurate records and track the information.

Meeting adjourned at 1:53 pm