

University Council on Teacher Education

Minutes for April 18, 2005

217 Willard Hall

Members Present: Tim Barnekov, John Burmeister, Chris Clark, Joan DelFattore, Alice Eyman, Laura Kincaid, Janet Smith, Barbara VanDornick, Carol Vukelich, George Watson, Rachel Wilt

Members Absent: Amanda Hess

Members Excused: Gail Rys

The minutes from March 14, 2005 were approved unanimously.

Old Business

I. Honoring 'Meritorious' Teachers (Carol Vukelich)

Barbara VanDornick will be notifying approximately 64 students that they qualify for the Meritorious Teacher Award and encouraging them to apply for this award. The application is available online (<http://www.martp.org/MNTC/index.htm>). Everyone who qualifies will receive the award.

Because of the large number of eligible students, members agreed that UCTE should hold a separate celebration for those who receive the award.

II. Three Questions for Survey of New Teachers (Carol Vukelich)

The Department of Education will be distributing the Delaware New Teacher Mentoring Survey. UCTE was granted permission to add three questions to the survey. After much discussion, UCTE decided that, because the survey is strongly relating to mentoring, UCTE's needs for feedback on the quality of UD professional education programs would not be served. UCTE made several suggestions for revisions to the survey which Chair Vukelich agreed to forward to the survey developers.

New Business

I. Honors Day Teacher Education Awards (Barbara VanDornick)

Letters were mailed to students who will be receiving awards. On behalf of UCTE, DCTE will produce certificates for all the students and distribute the certificates to the students' college.

II. Job Fair Statistics (Carol Vukelich)

UCTE thanked Barbara VanDornick, Angela Case, Cindy Holland, and Gail Rys for the success of Project Search again this year. Teach in Delaware day brought 75 representatives from the in-state school districts. A total of 930 interviews were conducted. Project Search brought a total of 287 recruiters from 140 school districts/organizations representing 12 states to campus. A total of 2,718 interviews were conducted at Project Search. More contracts were issued this year than in previous years. However, several districts complained that when contracts are signed early, students do not always honor them. If they should receive what they consider to be a better offer later, they renege, accepting the second offer.

III. Spring Enrollment Reports (Barbara VanDornick)

Secondary Education numbers keep growing.

UCTE adjourned at 2:50 p.m.