

University Council on Teacher Education
Minutes for December 14, 2009
1:00-3:00
200 Academy Street

Members Present: Anne Ardis, Janice Bibik, Dena Deglau, Michael Gamel-McCormick, Laura Glass, Gillian Guadagnino, John Hartman, Kathy Minke, Joe Pika, Donald Unger, Barbara VanDornick, Carol Vukelich

Members Excused: Suzanne Burton, Kara Cashwell

The minutes of November 9, 2009 were approved unanimously.

Old Business

I. SMART Boards (Joe Pika & Carol Vukelich)

Joe and Carol 'surveyed' the campus for SMART Boards. The Education Resource Center has a mobile one for use in classrooms in Willard Hall and the other is located in the Math & Science Education Resource Center for use in its conference room. Carol also indicated that she spoke with Jeanne Geddes in the College School; they have 9 boards permanently installed. Jeanne offered the use of their facility for a demonstration to UCTE. In addition, Carol spoke with Joe Kempista from the Office of Educational Technology; he would be happy to do a presentation. His approach is to work with whomever to help them become proficient with the software package and then move to use with the SMART Board. Chris McBride of the ERC also offers tutorials. She notes that if the SMART Board is not used on a regular basis it is easy to lose what has been learned and retraining is required. She indicated that only two professional education faculty have used the SMART Board in the past. Since many public schools are purchasing SMART Boards with their stimulus funds, the Council's general consensus that our candidates need to be trained before being placed in the classroom. Discussion evolved around making this a requirement for Upper Division Clearance or to have training incorporated as part of the technology requirement. After much discussion on this topic, it was decided that Carol would contact Pat Sine to explore the issue further. Discussion will be continued in February.

II. 2009 Fall Graduation Matriculation Report (Barbara VanDornick)

Barbara distributed Fall 2009 professional education graduate matriculation data. (NOTE: This is not registration data.) While enrollment has decreased from last year from 506 to 432, our minority population has increased. ([See attachment.](#))

III. Title II Reporting (Barbara VanDornick)

The Higher Education Opportunity Act has revised the requirements for annual reporting required under Title II. The new report is requiring much more information and pass rate data will be reported differently. Barbara described her concerns about completing the report. Barbara will be meeting with Patricia Bigelow at the Delaware Department of

Education with questions for clarification. Barbara will come back to UCTE in February with expectations from the State. The report is due April 7.

New Business

I. ETE Program Revisions (Laura Glass)

Laura described two revisions that have passed the College level.

- Southern Delaware Elementary Elementary Teacher Education major/Special Education concentration: Addition of EDUC 440 – Literacy Instruction for English Language Learners as an option to ENGL 479 – Literacy and Literature. This addition will improve the candidates’ pedagogical knowledge and understanding of English language learners. The revision will have no impact on the University required courses or total number of credits required. Carol voiced concern about the addition of another education course; Milford candidates already have fewer Arts & Sciences courses. The Committee approved the revision with one abstention.
- Elementary Teacher Education major: Addition of dance to the fine arts course requirement. UCTE unanimously approved this change.

II. Spring Pathwise Data (John Hartman)

John distributed data on how Pathwise data is aligned with NCATE standards—reporting frequencies and percentages. These data will be made available to each program. John also stated that Pathwise training has increased; however, online training is not ready at this point.

Additional Notation

Carol announced that the National Teacher of the Year has been confirmed for May 4, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. Program coordinators responded enthusiastically.

With the University’s changes to recognizing student honors, Barbara is not sure when to present UCTE selected awards. Carol suggested the possibility of presenting UCTE awards at the National Teacher of the Year event. Michael Gamel-McCormick indicated that the University may be looking at family weekend as a possibility for presenting awards. The Council agreed that the awards would continue but will wait to see what the University decides regarding the when of award distribution.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30.