

University Council on Teacher Education
Minutes for February 13, 2001
1:00-3:00 p.m.
317 Willard Hall

Members Present: Richard Bacon, Nick Baker, Gaysha Beard, Chris Clark, Thomas DiLorenzo, Barry Joyce, Ann McNeil, Cindy Okolo, Joseph Pika, Elaine Stotko, Barbara VanDornick, Carol Vukelich

Members Absent: Kate Conway-Turner, Dan Rich

Guests Present: Alice Eyman, Ted Braun

The December 14 minutes were unanimously approved.

Announcements

I. Lifetime UD E-mail

All UD students are eligible for lifetime e-mail addresses. Information on how to set up this service is available at Blue Hen E-Mail Forwarding from the main Alumni page at <http://www.udel.edu/alumni/>.

II. The MED in Science Education was approved. One vote for approval was on the condition that Dr. Brickhouse work with the Department of Education to ensure that the candidates who complete the program will be eligible for certification.

Nancy Brickhouse is contacting the Department of Education regarding the acceptance of PRAXIS II scores in substitution for the content courses required for certification.

III. State Certification

The Department of Education will propose that potential teachers be required to attend an approved program in order to earn state certification. No one will earn certification through a credit count. This recommendation likely will be approved by the Professional Standards Council this spring, effective 2003. This shift will require University personnel to match potential teachers' credits against a program's requirements. This could result in a heavy workload for University personnel and an increase in the number of courses required of potential teachers. The shift also suggests the need for fifth-year programs which lead to certification.

Old Business

- I. NCATE – Program Assessment System Day*
The turnout was smaller than our October 6 Performance-Based Assessment Day. Dr. Beth Stroble was the day’s facilitator. Groups continued important conversations. Of concern is the continuation of these rich conversations between the large group events by all programs’ faculty. UCTE members decided that the next event would be a half-day workshop with various program groups reporting on their progress. Then, we might employ someone to respond to what we’re doing and give us suggestions.
- II. Faculty Data Gathering Instrument*
This item was tabled until the next meeting.
- III. Survey of Graduates – Programs in Teacher Education*
UCTE’s original plan was to give this survey to students who will graduate in the spring and possibly to last year’s graduates. Members made recommendations for revisions in the survey. The timing of the survey’s distribution was discussed. UCTE decided to ask student teaching seminar supervisors to distribute and collect the survey at their last meeting. The survey will be tested this spring.
- IV. Appointment of Clinical Studies Advisory Committee (Angela Case)*
This item was be tabled until the next meeting.

New Business

- I. Individual Program Advisory Committees*
UCTE has an Advisory Committee. UCTE discussed having individual program advisory committees. Cindy Okolo suggested that ETE is going to have three groups working simultaneously and people from the community will work with these three groups. Similarly, IFST is putting together an advisory group. Given the current diversity in how programs intend to involve professionals from the “world of practice,” UCTE decided that every program needs to involve people from the “world of practice” in their programs but that it would let each program involve this group as it sees fit. Carol agreed to send memorandums to program coordinators regarding this decision.

II. BA in Italian Education (Ted Braun)

Dr. Ted Braun described the program. Though the program is small, enrollments are very strong. 100% of the graduates have secured teaching positions. The program does not require additional funds, faculty members, support staff, or other resources. UCTE recommended that the Foreign Language Department consider collapsing all the individual foreign language education degrees into a single program. UCTE unanimously approved the program.

III. Senator McDowell Bill (Cindy Okolo)

This bill, which is still in committee, is to require teacher education candidates to complete six credit hours (2 classes) of coursework that focus on involving the parent in their child's education.

Carol Vukelich will contact Liane Sorenson to see if she is aware of this bill, Rick Armitage to see if anyone is monitoring bills such as these, and Jerome Lewis to see if there is an intern assigned to Senator McDowell.

IV. New Course in Marine Studies

The College of Marine Studies is requesting approval for the course MAST 605, Topics: Marine Science Education. A motion to approve was made and approved.

V. Marketing of UD Education Programs

Professional Education, as a unit, does not do any marketing to attract students to the University of Delaware. What might we do to improve in this area? Members generated ideas. UCTE decided to narrow the focus to promoting three programs and to consider how to engage in promotion at a future date.

VI. Title II Federal Reporting (Barbara VanDornick)

Title II law requires that we publicize our students' pass rate on Praxis I to the public. We do not want to only publicize this information. Barbara prepared a rich description of features shared by our programs. Members suggested adding to the field experience section and adding statements about the Lab School and the College School. Mary Helen Callahan is working with Barbara on condensing the information. The information will be "repackaged" for use with various audiences. The report is due on April 9.

VII. Honor's Day (Barbara VanDornick)

Nick Baker, Gaysha Beard, and Alice Eyman volunteered to work with Barbara to select students for the UCTE awards.

VIII. Revisions to Chemistry Education and Biological Sciences

Revisions to Chemistry Education were unanimously approved.

Biological Sciences revisions will be reviewed at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.