

University Council on Teacher Education
Minutes for February 9, 2000
1:00-3:00 p.m.
317 Willard Hall

Members Present: Bob Hampel, Ann McNeil, Fran O'Malley, Cindy Okolo, Dan Rich, Kate Scantlebury, Barbara VanDornick, Carol Vukelich

Members Absent: Richard Bacon, Pam Beeman, Heyward Brock, Jinfa Cai, Kate Conway-Turner, Sarah Tilghman

Guests: Pam Brown, Angela Case, Don Lehman, Bonnie Robb, Pat Sine, Burt Wilson

The January 5, 2000 minutes were unanimously approved.

Announcements

I. NCATE Report

Every year we will be required to file a report describing our activities relative to each of NCATE's four categories and specifically addressing our weaknesses. NCATE will review the report to determine our success at correcting our weaknesses. Weaknesses judged as corrected will not need to be addressed in subsequent yearly reports.

II. CTE Grant

UCTE received a \$4,000 CTE grant to support our performance-based assessment project. This brings our total with the \$10,000 grant from the College of Human Resources, Education and Public Policy, for this project, to \$14,000.

Old Business

I. Survey of 1998-99 Teacher Education Alumni

Carol Vukelich reminded UCTE about the history of this survey. This was UCTE's final opportunity for review of the survey. Members provided several suggestions for additional revisions. Pam Brown (Research and Development Center) will make these changes. The survey will be mailed out by March 1. The survey will be shared with the other three higher education institutions in the State. Each institute will report its findings to the Commission on Higher Education.

II. Response to DOE Program Review Draft Document

Carol Vukelich shared the final draft of the letter to be sent to John Valenzano regarding the new program review procedures. Revisions suggested by members to a previous draft were incorporated into this final draft of the letter. No additional suggestions were made. The letter will be mailed to the Department of Education.

New Business

I. Proposal to Design Teacher Education Program Web Pages and the Student Teaching Manual (Ann McNeil, Don Lehman, and Burt Wilson)

Don and Burt came with Ann to the meeting to share their ideas and obtain UCTE feedback on their plans to develop teacher education web pages. After considerable discussion about what currently exists on the web about teacher education programs and reminders that what is developed needs to be maintained, UCTE members agreed to support this project. Kate Scantlebury, Cindy Okolo, and Pat Sine have agreed to work with Ann, Don, and Burt. Kathy DeFoe will also be invited to join the group. Because the Student Teaching Manual needs further consideration, the group will focus on the web pages and then, if time allows, work on the Student Teaching Manual.

II. Educational Technology Grant

Pat Sine, Carol Vukelich, and Ralph Ferretti are preparing a proposal to obtain funds to enhance what our teacher education candidates know about and can do with educational technology. The project, if funded, would be a shared venture with two-three districts and UCTE. Pat described the details of the proposed project. Following the discussion, UCTE approved a motion to endorse the project. The motion authorizes Carol Vukelich to write a letter of support indicating the project has UCTE support.

III. Honors Day

Fran O'Malley and Steve Goodman will work with Barbara VanDornick on the Honors Day subcommittee to select the teacher education students for those awards which UCTE is responsible.

IV. Request from Foreign Language Graduate Student

Ms. Christina M. Joligard wrote to UCTE requesting a variance from UCTE's substitute teaching while student teaching policy. Given that Ms. Joligard will have cooperating teachers for the entire day and will be paid as a teacher for only one teaching block (less than 50% of her student teaching day), UCTE voted to approve her request.

V. Stipends for Cooperating Teachers

Are there other benefits the University might provide cooperating teachers beyond those currently provided? Is a tuition remission policy possible? This would attract candidates to graduate programs, but it would be expensive. Angela Case suggested that the State of Pennsylvania already has such a policy. She will obtain a copy of this policy for UCTE's consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.