

University Council on Teacher Education
Minutes for November 6, 2013
10:00-12:00
200 Academy Street

Members Present: Michelle Cirillo, Laura Glass, Barry Joyce, Matthew Kinservik, Kathryn Kull, Lynn Okagaki, Cynthia Paris, Kate Scantlebury, Barbara VanDornick, Carol Vukelich, Linda Zankowsky

Members Excused: Janice Bibik, Ralph Ferretti

Guest Present: Jennifer Becnel-Guzzo, Kathryn Goldman

The October minutes were approved as distributed.

Announcements

- I. Elimination of Pay Increase for Master's Degree
Tabled until December meeting.
- II. Fall 2013 Enrollment Reports
Tabled until December meeting.

Old Business

- I. Goals for the Office of Clinical Studies (Linda Zankowsky)
Tabled until December meeting.
- II. Senate Bill No. 51 (Carol Vukelich)
Tabled until December meeting

New Business

- I. Office of Student Conduct Clearances (Lynn Okagaki)
Currently, all teacher education candidates who register for a course with a field placements are required to complete annual federal and state background checks prior to starting their field assignments. Candidates are required to sign a release to have these records forwarded to the University. If a candidate is flagged with a violation, the Office of Clinical Studies reviews the information and, as required by law, forwards the information to the potential-host school, center or school district. By law, the center or school district determines whether or not it agrees to allow the candidate to engage in a practicum experience in one of the district's schools. Currently, the Office of Student Conduct does not notify the Office of Clinical Studies when a teacher education candidate violates the University's Student Code of Conduct. After much discussion, the Council unanimously approved the following policy:

Effective immediately, candidates in violation of the University of Delaware's Student Code of Conduct may be denied the opportunity to engage in a field experience, or be suspended from a field experience, or be removed from their teacher education program.

In addition, the Council established a task force composed of Laura Glass, Cynthia Paris, Kate Scantlebury, and Linda Zankowsky to develop procedures by which the policy will be implemented effective spring semester.

In February 2013, the Council had agreed to allow candidates who were going to a practicum experience in a community center to complete the online version of the background check. By unanimous vote, the Council reversed its decision. Effective immediately, all candidates are required to complete the fingerprint version of the federal and state background check.

All candidates also complete a Child Protective Registry check.

II. Social Studies Education Program Revisions (Barry Joyce)

Dr. Barry Joyce, Program Coordinator of the Secondary Social Studies Education Program requested permission to increase EDUC420 Reading in the Content Area from a 1-credit to a 3-credit course. This change was unanimously approved.

III. School of Education Program Revisions (Laura Glass)

A. Elementary Teacher Education (ETE)

Dr. Laura Glass requested permission to make six changes to the Elementary Teacher Education program. These changes included:

- Replacing SCEN102 with SCEN101
- Replacing an English literature requirement with any English course at the 200 level or higher
- Increasing the number of credits for EDUC 400, Student Teaching from five to six credits for each placement
- Increasing flexibility in the Special Education concentration by deleting the required 15-credit focus area and replacing it with electives
- Deleting the Urban Education concentration
- Creating an English as a Second Language concentration to replace the Urban Education concentration

The Council unanimously approved the above changes.

B. M.Ed. in Exceptional Children and Youth

Dr. Glass presented two changes in the M.Ed. in Exceptional Children and Youth Program Policy Statement. These included changing the specializations to concentrations and revising an exit requirement. Candidates now will be required to complete a teacher performance assessment rather than a case study.

The Council unanimously approved these two changes.

UCTE adjourned at 12:00.