

University Council on Teacher Education
Minutes for March 9, 2015
10:00-12:00
200 Academy Street

Members Present: Michelle Cirillo, Barry Joyce, Alden Snell, Barbara VanDornick, Carol Vukelich

Member Not Present: Janice Bibik, Ralph Ferretti, Lynn Okagaki, Kate Scantlebury, Sharon Walpole, George Watson, Linda Zankowsky

Guest Present: Myae Han

The Council approved the February minutes as distributed.

Announcements

I. Roster Verification – Ed Prep Graduates in Delaware

The Department of Education is in the process of developing the educator preparation scorecard for publication required under Regulation 290. DOE will be reporting on the effectiveness of our graduates for a period of five years after graduation. The first step is to verify that teachers on a list the Delaware Department of Education (DOE) provided are our graduates and are teaching in the field(s) for which we prepared them. Unfortunately, Barbara is unable to identify approximately one-third of the names on the list (likely due to a name change). Barbara has asked DOE to provide additional information in order to aid her identification of the people on the list as our graduates.

II. Spring 2015 Enrollment Reports

Spring 2015 undergraduate teacher education enrollment is 1206. While our overall enrollment is down, we have increased our total number of diverse students. Decreasing enrollment in teacher education is a national issue.

Old Business

I. Professionalism Policy for Professional Education Candidates (Carol Vukelich)

Earlier, a task force prepared a new Professionalism Policy for Professional Education candidates. This policy did not include a mid-point data collection point. UCTE decided that a mid-point collection point was important. Therefore, Barbara VanDornick agreed to collect information from program coordinators regarding the course or experience in which the mid-point disposition data will be collected for their candidates. She will develop a table for insertion into the Professionalism Policy by the April UCTE meeting.

In February, UCTE approved a new set of dispositions. For purposes of data consistency for this academic year, we will begin using the new dispositions in Fall 2015.

II. Report on Safety Policies Task Force (Linda Zankowsky)

Because the report describing the neighborhoods surrounding schools and centers where we place our teacher education candidates was just received, the Safety Policies Task Force has not yet met. Therefore, this item was tabled until April.

New Business

I. Program Revision for the Political Science Education Major (Barry Joyce)

The Political Science department requested changes to the Political Science Education program. New courses were added as possible electives. UCTE unanimously approved the suggested changes.

II. 4+1 in World History (Barry Joyce)

Dr. Barry Joyce requested permission to add a 4+1 option to the existing MA in World History program. UCTE unanimously approved the addition of the 4+1 option to the MA in World History program.

III. Social Media (Carol Vukelich)

Currently, we are not engaging our candidates using social media. After discussion, Carol suggested that she would create Twitter accounts to publicize candidate success stories (@udteachereducation and @udteacheredalums). To facilitate the gathering of these success stories, each program coordinator will be invited to identify a social media ambassador.

IV. TFA Reauthorization (Carol Vukelich)

The State legislators soon will consider extending its authorization of Teach For America; reauthorization will allow TFA to continue providing teachers for Delaware schools. After discussion, UCTE members agreed that we would request that an amendment be attached to the reauthorization bill to require that all requirements of “traditional” Delaware teacher education programs identified in Senate Bill #51 and its related Regulation 290.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.