

University Council on Teacher Education
Minutes for April 27, 2021
12:30 – 2:30
Via Zoom

Members Present: Suzanne Burton, Duane Cottrell, Steff Kotch-Jester, Chrystalla Mouza, Krissy Najera, Kristin Nelson, Diana Roscoe, Carol Wong

Not Present: Tia Barnes, Jenna Dean, Gary Henry

Guests: Jamie Bailey, Christine Gorowara, Tory McHugh, Marie Peters

The February 23, 2021 minutes were unanimously approved.

Announcements

1. District Plans (Marie Peters)

Marie reported that there are no new updates. Offer the next few months, Marie will be cleaning out the google doc and removing the old information. As Jamie and Marie start talking with districts for their Fall plans, they will update the document.

2. Certification Update (Tory McHugh)

Tory reported that it is very likely that DDOE will not require a performance assessment for certification, pending a bill being proposed by Rep. Kim Williams that would eliminate this requirement. The issues we have been seeing and have reported to DDOE are being heard. The current waiver by the governor that does not require praxis II or a performance assessment for institutional recommendation has brought into clear focus is that the performance assessment is driving graduating students out of Delaware. Once the bill hits the floor it will be public knowledge, so we need to construct one similar communication to inform students of the changes, implications, and options. Tory will set up meeting to brainstorm ideas. We also need to develop a plan to support the students that are returning to states that require a performance assessment.

New Business

1. New Capstone (Marie Peters/Jamie Bailey)

Marie reviewed how we got to this point and the reasoning behind the Capstone committees' recommendation. The recommendation letter is on the google drive. Jamie reviewed the PowerPoint presentation that described the new capstone and its criteria. A big plus is that if we decide to go with the Delaware evaluation system, DDOE will support the training on the tool. Jamie reviewed the changes and benefits of the Delaware evaluation system. The presentation is available on the google drive. The next steps are for UCTE members to take this information back to their units and be prepared to vote at the May UCTE meeting. Gather feedback and questions. Once decided, the student handbooks will need to be updated. Addendums to the evaluation tool by

particular programs will be allowed to remain. Districts will handle differently but there will be debrief sessions to discuss observations with preservice teachers. We would like to pilot this Fall.

ACTION: UCTE members to discuss with units and be prepared to vote at the May UCTE meeting.

2. CAEP Standards Review (Christine Gorowara)

Christine reviewed that Delaware is going to remain with CAEP as the accreditor. So, it is not too early to start reviewing our assessments and collecting data for our next CAEP visit. The CAEP standards have been revised to be clearer and more streamlined.

Christine would like to create two committees; one to review our assessment plan for our initial preparation program; and one to review an assessment plan for our advanced programs.

3. Review DACTE Meeting (Christine Gorowara)

Christine reviewed information from DACTE meetings. The annual meeting piloted an advisory group that would support new teachers. The second meeting was the annual legislators meeting where we talked about supporting the teacher pipeline through funding like scholarships to help the pipeline in volume and diversity. The next DACTE meeting is May 12th.

Adjourned at 1:45 p.m.