

Elementary Teacher Education Senate Meeting

3:30-5:00 Thursday, April 27, 2017

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Minutes

1. Welcome

Present:

Melissa Heston (Early Childhood Education), Lynne Ensworth (Middle Level Education), Kim Miller (Special Education), Olly Steinhorsdottir (Mathematics Education), Greg Bourassa (Professional Sequence), Merrilee Betts (Teacher Practitioner), Benjamin Forsyth (TEF Chair), J.D. Cryer (Coordinator of Elementary Teacher Education), Deockki Hong (Physical Education and Health Education)

Absent:

Aly Islam (Art Education), Amy Lockhart (Clinical Experiences) Denise Tallakson (Elementary Education), Shuaib Meacham, (Literacy Education), Michelle Swanson (Music Education), Renae Drey (Student Representative) Chad Christopher (Coordinator of Secondary Teacher Education), DeeDee Heistad (Liberal Arts Core – ex officio)

Guests:

Vickie Robinson (Associate VP, Educator Preparation)

2. April 6, 2017 Senate Meeting Minutes--electronic approval

3. J.D. provided an update on Teacher Education External Advisory Board meeting.

Board members believe our teacher candidates have difficulty with reflection.

We ask them to reflect, but we don't teach them how to reflect.

- It was noted by the senators that there is a discrepancy between the larger study completed last year by Mary Losch (the Center for Behavioral Research) and this advisory group as it relates to our students' ability to reflect.

Board members really love the renovation to SEC.

- They like the collaborative environment and how it will impact education.

Board members wondered if students getting PK-12 endorsements get sufficient experience at both levels to be equally skilled?

- It would be useful to have ad hoc group look at this.
- TESOL students - students seem to have more secondary classroom experience and thus are less prepared for elementary teaching.

Board members liked hearing the progress for the TESI work.

- Feel some of our students are having problems forming relationships with students.
- Like the potential to add more Long-term lesson planning - for whole year is a different process. How to plan a unit and lessons within a unit - concern for whole year
- Would suggest alternative field experiences and more volunteer programs - after school programs - non-classroom learning

4. JD provided an update from the Teacher Education Program Student Advisory Board meeting. Handout was provided that detailed additional information. Here are some highlights:

- Students don't know about the Teacher Ed. web site – we need to promote this especially during orientation
- Web site is organized well but needs to include more pictures of students and schools. The site is text heavy.
- Suggestions for improvement - highlight how to check progress on the UNITED page.
- Having an online application form is good. Like the idea of using a Google Doc for sharing and feedback
- Social Media for dissemination of info.
 - Email is the best way to communicate info.
 - Social media is connected to personal life
- Mandatory Reporter of Child Abuse Training
 - Students like the training but it's difficult to find a 2.5-hour block of time.
 - Face to face training would be better than just clicking through the online training.
- Schindler Education Center
 - The technology is amazing.
 - The renovation is beautiful and a huge change.

- Students could use a microwave, refrigerator, snack machines and color printer
- Are program expectations being met?
 - Secondary programs have a lot of content but only one methods course. This is a concern. Students don't feel prepared to teach the content and need more opportunities to put it all together.
 - Need to require Level I to have a teaching experience.
- Teacher Ed. Program Field Trips
 - Heard about trip to Muscatine. Liked the idea.
 - Places to go in the future:
 - Des Moines area – so big to see difference
 - Cedar Rapids – adapted programs, not just SPED
- Teacher Education Panel Presentations
 - Really enjoyed the “How not to blow an interview” panel.
 - Keep offering panels.
 - Could professors offer extra credit for this?

5 2017-2018 Teacher Education Program Accomplishments

- Handout was provided which detailed additional information.

6 Professional Sequence Meetings---Vickie Robinson

- 16 Representatives from both field experience and Professional Sequence courses met in November and February
- Problems noted in sequence with redundancy and gaps.
- We want to do this again next year and invite new faculty to meeting

7 Teacher Education Program Field Trips--Muscatine

- Total of 26 students attended.
- Vickie talked with students and many said they know what the schools in the Cedar Valley are like but don't know what other school districts are like in the state.
- The survey that students took after the trip indicated that they would like to have more trips like this and wish this could have been offered sooner
- Vickie is looking at funding for 4 more trips next year
- The feedback from TESI study indicates that we need to increase diversity experience and expand student's horizons.

8 Teacher Education Program Panels

Female Superintendents Panel Presentation

- State of Iowa statistics show that
 - 75% of teachers in Iowa are female
 - 13% are female superintendents.
- Panel offered at UNI to all Ed Prep. Students. Allowed them to see superintendents at human beings and the struggles of being a female in this field. For women preservice teachers this was an eye opener.

Cedar Falls CSD Administrators: "How NOT to Blow an Interview"

- Advice offered:
 - Don't talk in circles during the interview,
 - Dress appropriately and professionally
 - Edit and proofread all documents
 - Be honest on application
 - When you enter a building for an interview it matters how you treat everyone (i.e. janitor, secretary, children) not just the interview team.

9 Accreditation work for next year

Finalizing Institutional Report

Present to Provost--Mid May

Editor--Early June

Submit to state Summer

10 Executive Council Meeting--Update

Discussed Five AASCU Priorities for Education Preparation Administrators (April, 2017):

1. Help educator preparation programs bolster clinical experiences for teacher candidates
2. Ensure teacher preparation programs have strong relationships with P-12 partners
3. Step up strategic recruitment into teacher preparation programs
4. Build stronger articulation agreements with community colleges
5. Help develop strategies to professionalize teacher education

Annual Reports to State--Rob Boody

Teacher Education Program External Advisory Board Update

Teacher Education Program Field Trip to Muscatine Update

Office of Educator Preparation Goals

- To obtain more visibility - get out into the state - help people understand that we have this program and everyone owns this.
- Continue meeting with content professors to see how are they doing in TE program

11 Matters Arising at the State

a. IACTE Information—Dates

IACTE Fall Conference

- Iowa City/Coralville
Thursday, October 19
Friday, October 20

b. AACTE Information--Dates and proposals

AACTE Annual Conference

- Baltimore, Maryland
February 28-March 3

Presentation Proposals due by May 30

Thank you for your leadership! These senators will not be returning this fall.

- Lynne Ensworth--Middle Level Education
- Deockki Hong--Physical/Health Education
- Renae Drey--UNI Teacher Candidates

12 Upcoming Dates (subject to change)

Elementary Senate
To be determined

Secondary Senate
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