

**Elementary Teacher Education Senate Meeting**  
**3:30-5:00 Thursday, February 1, 2018**  
**CBB 319**  
**Minutes**

I. Welcome

**Present:**

Greg Bourassa (Professional Sequence), Betsy Zan (Early Childhood Education), Denise Tallakson (Elementary Education), Carolyn Weber (Middle Level Education), Michelle Swanson (Music Education), Sarah Vander Zanden (Literacy Education), Islam Aly (Art Education), Merrilee Betts (Teacher Practitioner), Louren Kilburg (Undergrad. Student), JD Cryer (Coordinator, Elementary Teacher Ed.), Chepina Rumsey (Math Education-ALT), Curtis Nielsen (Clinical Experiences-ALT)

**Absent:**

Amy Lockhart (Clinical Experiences), Chris Kliwer (Special Education), Kimberly Hurley (Physical/Health Ed.), Olly Steinhorsdottir (Math Education), DeDee Heistad (Liberal Arts Core-ex officio), Ben Forsyth (Chair, Teacher Ed. Faculty)

**Guests:**

Vickie Robinson (Associate VP of Ed. Prep), Rob Boody (Director of Assessment), Julie Johnson (Record Analyst I-Teacher Ed.)

II. Approval of December 7 Senate Meeting Minutes (Electronic)

- Approved electronically with feedback.

III. Review the Teacher Education Bylaws and role of the Senate

- Reviewed the responsibilities of the senate. Questions arose related to the role of the senates, the responsibilities and duties of the senators, and the ambiguity of educator preparation within the structure of the College of Education.

IV. Three Course Requirement Question Discussion and possible vote

- Discussed the history of the three course requirement for admission into the UNI Teacher Education Program. Discussed the current requirement of the three courses along with the requirement of Praxis Core testing.
- JD explained that the current process can really slow down the acceptance process for some students, especially transfer and Post BA students.

- JD explained that other schools for Teacher Education (ISU, UI, Coe, and Wartburg) don't have this requirement.
- JD asked because of the state requirement of Praxis Core testing, do we still need to have the requirement for the three courses?
  - After hearing information and discussing, senators believed that it was still important to keep the three course requirement for admission to the UNI teacher education program.
    - Sarah made a motion to hear what the secondary senate thought before having a vote on this topic.
    - Carolyn seconded this motion.
    - Vote passed.

#### V. Program Approval Update

- Vickie explained that the consultants from the Iowa Department of Education: Larry Bice, Carole Richardson, and Matt Ludwig are meeting with the Executive Council tomorrow to discuss the team's report after visiting in November.
- The plan after this meeting will be for UNI to respond to the concerns the team wrote about for each of the Chapter 79 standards. We will have three months to respond (end of the semester).
- We will then work with the Iowa Department of Education throughout the summer in order to finalize any and all changes before going to the State Board of Education in September.

#### VI. Curriculum Change Reminder

- Senators were reminded to inform their colleagues that as departments start to develop changes to the curriculum for the 2019 catalog, they need to consult with Educator Preparation.

#### VII. Educator Preparation Faculty Chair Position

- Dr. Benjamin Forsyth term is ending
- Associate Vice President for Ed Prep Program will be requesting nominations for the position (through the end of March).
- We will vote for new Chair in April.
- Person will begin in May.

#### VIII. Education Newspaper Updates via Email

- JD asked if the senators still wanted to receive information related to educational updates from the State via email.
- There was a resounding yes from the senators.

IX. Teacher Education Program Trainings

- JD asked if Teacher Education Faculty have a responsibility and expectation to complete the different trainings we require our students to complete.
  - OSHA: Bloodborne Pathogens
  - High Risk Behaviors and Substance Abuse
  - Mandatory Reporter of Child Abuse
    - Potential requirement for teachers:
      - Suicide awareness and prevention
- Discussion took place, but no decisions were made.

X. Associate VP of Educator Prep Update-Vickie Robinson

- Organizing for Professional Readiness Program for Education. This “PRP” will focus on: Professionalism.
  - 63 students already signed up
  - Students would receive alumni mentors from across the country.
- Working to identify the next school for a Purple bus trip.
- Michelle’s term on Executive Council is finishing. Need a new Elementary Teacher Education Senate representative.

XI. Update from the State

- IACTE is putting together a team to meet with the Department of Education to determine how to conduct the surveys associated with alumni and employers, and work out logistical issues. The meeting is in early February, so the IDOE can conduct the surveys beginning in March as they did last year. Once the team meets and reaches a decision, the IDOE will let us know how the survey process will proceed.

XII. Upcoming Dates (subject to change)

- Spring Convocation--Wednesday, March 21
- Data Day--Monday, April 2
- IACTE Spring Meeting in Ankeny--Thursday/Friday, April 5 and 6

Next meeting - Joint Senate Meeting

- Thursday, March 8 (3:30-5:00 pm)
- 409 Schindler Education Center

**Elementary Senate**

February 1 Location CBB 319  
March 8 (Joint) Location SEC 409  
April 5 Location CBB 319  
April 26 Location CBB 319

**Secondary Senate**

February 15 Location CBB 319  
March 8 (Joint) Location SEC 409  
April 19 Location CBB 319  
May 3 Location CBB 319