

Stephen F. Austin State University

Professional Education Community Participation in the Development of the Unit Assessment System

The professional education community reviewed the plan and provided input into the development of the assessment system. These various groups involved include but are not limited to:

- Teacher Education Council - A university-wide interdisciplinary committee that reviews, analyzes, and provides input on all aspects of the Teacher Education Program. Curriculum and program changes for teacher education must be approved by this committee. The council is composed of representatives from Arts and Sciences, Education, Visual and Performing Arts, the Educator Certification Office, and the Office of Assessment and Accountability. **(Minutes in Exhibit Room)**
- College of Education Leadership Team – The leadership of the College of Education includes the five department chairs in the college, the associate dean, and the dean. **(Minutes in Exhibit Room)**
- Dean’s Advisory Council/College Council – Faculty representatives from each of the departments in the college meet monthly to work with the dean to evaluate policies and procedures of the college. **(Minutes in Exhibit Room)**
- Professional Development Schools Advisory Council-This group, formerly known as the Center for Professional Development and Technology, is composed of superintendents, principals, curriculum specialist and teachers from the partnership schools that work with SFASU to prepare educator candidates. They provide input on candidate assessments that are used in their schools. **(Minutes in Exhibit Room)**
- Deans’ Council-This council composed of the deans of all of the colleges at SFASU meet monthly. The group reviewed the COE Unit Assessment Plan in March 2006. **(ppt in Exhibit Room)**
- Dean’s Advisory Group – Past and Current Deans of the College of Education meet in the fall of each year to review the accomplishments of the college and provide input into operations. **(Minutes in Exhibit Room)**
- An outside consultant reviewed the Unit Assessment Plan and scoring guides and gave suggestions for revisions of the plan. **Kate Steffens (Minutes in Exhibit Room)**
- Core Assessment Committee-University committee with representatives from every college charged with reviewing and assessing the core curriculum required at SFASU. This group reviewed the COE Unit Assessment Plan in Spring 2005.
- Committee on Advanced Programs – Representatives from departments with advanced programs and graduate candidates reviewed unit assessment and program assessments.
- Nacogdoches Booster Club – SFASU supporters meet weekly to discuss issues related to the continued success of SFASU. The Conceptual Framework and Unit Assessment Benchmarks were presented to this group for input in Spring 2005.