Professional Educators' Council

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Preparation of teachers and other professional educators is a university-wide function governed by policies developed by the university’s Professional Educators’ Council. In developing and executing policies, the council considers:

- Relevant state and federal law;
- University policies and procedures;
- Recommendations from appropriate advisory committees;
- Guidelines of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB);
- Rules of the Texas Education Agency (TEA)/State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC);
- Program standards of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP);
- Professional standards of organizations affiliated with CAEP and with other national accreditation organizations.

The council’s responsibilities include:

- Maintaining accreditation by SBEC, CAEP, and other national organizations;
- Reviewing proposals for changes in teaching field programs and in professional education programs;
- Establishing criteria for program admission and retention;
- Recommending criteria for educator certification or licensing.

The council is chaired by the dean of the James I. Perkins College of Education (PCOE) and is composed of faculty members appointed by the provost and vice president for academic affairs from nominees submitted by the PCOE dean after consultation with the deans of other colleges offering teaching fields. Other members of the council include the PCOE associate deans, one of whom serves as council secretary, and two student representatives appointed by the PCOE dean.


Responsible for Implementation: Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Contact for Revision: Dean of the James I. Perkins College of Education
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Board Committee Assignment: Academic and Student Affairs