

**Stephen F. Austin State University**  
**Educator Preparation Program Advisory Council**  
**Meeting Summary Notes**  
**November 9th 11:30am -1:00pm**  
**McKibben 131/ZOOM Meeting**

**In Attendance:** Judy Abbott, Stephen Autrey, Carrie Baker, MaryAnn Bentley, Erik Buchanan, Deborah Buswell, Christi Cauthen, Chrissy Cross, Bonnie Fyffe, Lysa Hagan, Stacy Hendricks, Daya Hill, Colleen Hill, Lindsey Kennon, Summer Koltanski, Alyssa Landreneaux, Betsy Lock, Ronda McClain, Melanie Mercer, Betsy Mijares, Michelle Miller, Claire Murphy, Cindy Nerren, Jannah Nerren, Barbara Qualls, Susan Reily, Amanda Rudolph, Chay Runnels, Nikkie Strahan, Joe Strahl, Jay Thornton, Sarah Wright, and Sharon Rice.

**In Zoom:** Andrea Dickson, Barbara Morrison, Summer Pannell, Jeffery Van Meter, Harold Whitaker, Susan Williams, Clinton Elsasser, Randi Darragh, and Terry Young.

**Not In attendance:** Nathan Boughton, Zach Crawford, Jill Gaston, Paula Harshbarger, Steve Johnson, Marty Moffett, John Seybold, Shelly Slaton, Julie Stadler, Elaine Turner, Michael Walker, David Russell, and Tingting Xu.

- Welcome - Dr. Christina Sinclair, Associate Dean
  - Introductions by all attending
  - SFA, Educator Preparation, and PCOE updates
    - Discussion and explanation of SFA joining a university system with the decision being made by the SFA Board of Regents on Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 2022.
- EPP Advisory Council Purpose: To assure that appropriate stakeholders including school and community partners are involved in program evaluation, improvement, and identification of models of excellence.
- Approval of Spring 2022 Summary Notes
  - Motion to approve: Dr. Barbara Qualls
  - Motion to Second: MaryAnn Bentley
- Dr. Jannah Nerren, Chair of Education Studies
  - Education Studies Updates:
    - TEA PK-3 Certification Application submitted
    - Secondary Ed is on the TEA Vetted Residency list and we are working with TEA to get other program applications submitted as well
  - We are in the process of reviewing the possibility of applying to become part of the with US PREP Coalition. Additional information can be found at- [usprepnationalcenter.com](http://usprepnationalcenter.com)

- Fall 23 Masters in Curriculum and Instruction will begin
  - Fall 24 Doctoral Program in Curriculum and Instruction will begin
  - We received the DoE RAICES Grant which is 2.5 million over 5 years to provide Teacher professional Development. For information about this grant please reach out to Chrissy Cross at [crossc1@sfasu.edu](mailto:crossc1@sfasu.edu).
- Education Studies has Adjunct Faculty Opportunities
  - Advanced Degree with 18 hours in content area
  - Online or Evenings
  - Contact us if interested
- Stakeholder Discussion and Feedback
  - Texas Teacher Vacancy Task Force (TVTF)
    - Crated by Texas Governor Abbott to address the Teacher pipeline and in part to Improving Educator Preparation.
    - TVTF plans to Expand Yearlong Paid Residency Models
      - **What is a Teacher Residency?** (Per TEA) A **paid, full year** of clinical teaching/co-teaching in a K-12 classroom. (Dean Abbott reinforced this is not necessarily full time for residents. It is for 2 semesters and could be various schedules) Residents are paired with an experienced, **highly effective mentor** teacher. **EPP and LEA have shared ownership** over the preparation, support, and success of the teacher resident. It can take place at a **traditional, alternative, or post-bac certification routes**.
    - TCLAS Grant- Texas COVID Learning Acceleration Supports (TCLAS) Texas Education Agency. Funds that support paid residencies.
  - Advisory Council Thoughts on Partnering to Support Teacher Pipeline
    - MaryAnn is in support and thinks it is very beneficial.
    - Lufkin ISD representative, Betsy Mijares, was in support and talked about ways to connect with high school students that have an interest in the teaching profession.
    - Ronda McClain said they are working on securing funds to work closer with TAFE.
    - Amanda spoke about working with ISD's on a secondary level and asked about the sustainability of the residency model.
    - Christina Sinclair indicated this is what the US Prep National Center was helping us all to learn more about best practices for scaling residency model efforts.
- Clinical Teacher Pathways and Partnerships-Michelle Miller
  - Paid Clinical Teaching Update
    - Spring 21-1 partnering district-Brazosport ISD

- Fall 21-Continued with Brazosport ISD while navigating how to grow this opportunity.
    - Spring 22-5 districts partnerships
    - Fall 22- 8 partnerships
    - Spring 23- increasing to 18 partners
    - Fall 23-So far 23 partners and this is increasing daily
  - Strategic Staffing Models to Support Paid Clinical Teaching-See diagram in power point
    - Information
      - Fall 22-29 CT's hired in paid positions
        - 52 CT's pd as a paraprofessional
        - 47 Fall clinical Teachers earned income
      - Spring 23 (so Far)
        - 46 CT's hired in pd positions
        - 34 CT's pd as a paraprofessional
        - 34% of our students have secured pd positions and continues to rise daily.
  - Meet the Districts – January 26, 2023
    - Spring 23' teacher applicants-This event was held September 8<sup>th</sup> -9 districts attended
    - The next MTD event is Jan 26<sup>th</sup> and 23 districts have already RSVP'd to attend and this grows weekly.
    - Fall 23-Approx 165 paid positions available for our clinical teachers.
- TEA Updates on Certification Exams
  - edTPA -Still entertaining different options for future candidates.
  - SFA Results Summary
    - Overall Submission Results across the 3-year pilot
      - Submitted Successfully-577 (95%)
      - Submitted unsuccessful 16 (2.5%)
      - Didn't Submit 16 (2.5%)

edTPA Performance Summary Reports from July 2021-June SFA was above the State mean total score in 12 of the 14 handbooks. SFA was above the National total score in 3 handbooks.
- How's It Going and How Can we Help?
  - Job Fair – Ours and yours? Let us help you promote your upcoming job fair.
    - Email information to [edcertfield@sfasu.edu](mailto:edcertfield@sfasu.edu)
  - Center for Career and Professional Development
 

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- Important Dates
  - **Spring Teacher Job Fair- April 14th, 10:00-1:00**
  - **NEXT MEETING – March 1st**
  
- Meeting adjourned at 1pm