

**Stephen F. Austin State University  
James I. Perkins College of Education (PCOE)  
EPP Advisory Council Meeting Summary Notes  
October 22nd, 2020 11:30am -1:00pm  
Due to COVID-19 Virtual/ZOOM Meeting**

\*There was a national ZOOM outage three different times during this meeting.

\*\*As a result, we were not able to pull an attendance list from ZOOM. Therefore, please review the attendance below and if we need to make a correction put that in the chat box.

**Example: Christina Sinclair -In attendance**

**In attendance:** Judy Abbott, Carrie Baker, MaryAnn Bentley, Nathan Boughton, Erik Buchanan, Deborah Buswell, David Flowers, Igor Gussyakov, Karla Hamilton, Paula Harshbarger, Stacy Hendricks, Katie Martin, Ronda McClain, Betsy Mijares, Michelle Miller, Marty Moffett, Barbara Morrison, Claire Murphy, Cindy Nerren, Cindy Phelps, Barbara Qualls, Chay Runnels, David Russell, John Seybold, Christina Sinclair, Julie Stadler, Joe Strahl, Jeffery Van Meter, Pam Vaughn, Sarah Wright, Tingting Xu, Terry Young, Jay Thornton, Eric Torres, Paige Mask

**Not in attendance:** Luis Aguerrevere, , Will Cauthen, Zach Crawford, Karen Hickman, Daya Hill, Steve Johnson, Summer Koltonski, Barbara Lazarine, Betsy Lock, Daniel Lopez, Glen McCuller, Amanda Moore, Jim Moore, Amanda Rudolph, Ried Spivey, Harold Whitaker, Brandon Fox

**Welcome -Dr. Christina Sinclair, Associate Dean**

- Council Member Introductions
- Approval of Spring 2020 Summary Notes: The Summary notes were approved as presented.
- Dr. Judy Abbott, Dean
  - SFA, Educator Preparation, and PCOE updates
    - New Leadership to date includes President, Dr. Scott Gordon, who came from Eastern Washington.
    - SFA is experiencing an austerity budget due to COVID-19.
    - Changes to date include course schedule and delivery modalities
      - We have eight-week models for scheduled classes in addition to our 16-week courses.
      - For Fall 2020 SFA will pivot to all remote learning on November 30<sup>th</sup>.
    - SFA will experience significant personnel changes with a voluntary separation incentive program (VSIP) that was recently offered – 110 applied for the VSIP including:
      - Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs
      - Vice president for Undergraduate Affairs
      - Dean of Research & Graduate Studies
      - Dean of Fine Arts
      - Dean of Liberal & Applied Arts
      - Controller
      - Registrar
    - The following new terminal degree has been approved for offering: EdD in Curriculum and Instruction
    - The EdD has been approved to be delivered online.
    - The M.Ed. has been approved to offer the following new concentration: Athletic Director.
- Ronda McClain, Program Support Coordinator/Instructor, reported for Dr. Brandon Fox, Education Studies Department Chair

- Education Studies Updates and Information
  - Education Studies is a newly formed department.
  - All Classes are virtual, hybrid in zoom and online at this time.
  - Due to COVID-19, the Early Childhood Lab is creating a program analysis to create new directions and ways to move forward. We are functioning and taking care of children during this pandemic. The difference is the number of TA's that help with that.
  - Charter school has no visitors at this time but they do have some classes going on online/virtual and face to face but limiting contact.
  - Thanks to all the ISD partners.
  - We appreciate the opportunity to collaborate with each of you.
  - Currently some teacher candidates are face to face, the majority are learning virtually and zooming into classes that are face to face.
  - Working are closely with Nacogdoches, Lufkin, and Cleveland and exploring all platforms within departments as well as ISD's.

### Advisory Council Training

- Review 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.
- TEA Information and Flexibility due to COVID-19
  - As a Result of Governor's Waivers due to COVID-19, in the 2020-2021 school year, there are approximately 14,000 teachers who had not completed testing requirements prior to the issuance of their certification.
  - One-year Waiver Probationary Certificates were issued to EPP finishers who were unable to complete testing requirements
    - **TX: 7,312** certificates issued to **5,918** Individuals
    - **SFASU recommended 95**
  - Intern Waiver Certificates issued to candidates enrolled in an EPP who were unable to complete testing requirements
    - **TX: 11,470** certificates issued to **8,118** Individuals
    - **SFASU recommended 1**
- First year teachers (completing requirements in 2019-2020) were issued certification based on the following:
  - Spring 2020 –A TEA waiver allowed for as few as 35 days of clinical teaching
    - TEA normally requires 70 – SFA normally requires 75
- First year teachers (completing requirements in 2020-2021) will be issued certification based on the following:
  - Fall 2020 – as few as 30 hours of observations prior to clinical teaching **and** as few as 56 days of clinical teaching
    - TEA is allowing all observations to be electronic/video
    - Some candidates have only had virtual experiences with clinical teaching
- TEA-sponsored program to offer support to all educators and education students
  - Texas TLAC Online (TLAC-Teach Like a Champion)  
<https://texaslaonline.org/Certification Assignment Flexibility for 2020-2021>
- Flexibility Options offered by TEA
  - Temporary Classroom Assignment Permit (TCAP)
  - Emergency Permit
  - Teacher Certification Waiver
  - School District Teaching Permit

- District of Innovation Plan
- Testing, Clinical Teaching
  - Number of educational aides who completed clinical teaching through their education educational aide duties:
    - Spring 2020 – 24
    - Fall 2020 – 35
    - Spring 2021 – 30 as of 10/20/2020
  - **Encourage your educational aides/paraprofessionals to enroll in one of our online certification programs!**
    - Core Subjects EC-6
    - All Areas of Middle Level Grades (4-8)
    - Special Education
- Science of Teaching Reading--Legislature mandates that all teachers pursuing a certification that includes grades prekindergarten through grade 6 demonstrate proficiency in the science of teaching reading.
- December 31, 2020
  - Last date for candidates to receive their certification in the following areas without needing the Science of Teaching Reading (STR) exam
    - Core Subjects: Early Childhood – Grades 6
    - Core Subjects: Grades 4-8
    - English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 4-8
    - ELAR/SST: Grades 4-8
- Pearson’s Steps to Address Testing Challenges
  - Pearson owned testing centers have reopened
  - Addition of new partner centers
  - Extension of hours/days of operations at centers
    - Social distancing requirements are factored into capacity
  - Pearson seat availability tool
    - <https://wsr.pearsonvue.com/testtaker/registration/SelectExamPage/ESTX?conversationId=4021184>
- SFA Online Professional Certifications
  - [Principal as Instructional Leader](#)
  - [Superintendent](#)
  - [School Counselor](#)
  - [Reading Specialist](#)
  - [Educational Diagnostician](#)
  - [Visual Impairment -Supplement](#)
    - Click the links above for information

### **edTPA (Teacher Performance Assessment) in Place of PRR**

- Information and Phase-In Schedule for SFA Clinical Teachers
  - Year 1 – Two EC-6 submissions
  - Year 2 – Approx. 120 EC-6 and MLG submissions expected this week and next
  - Secondary and All-Level certification areas will submit Fall 2021
    - Training/Work sessions: Dr. Eric Torres and Regional edTPA Coordinator Karla Hamilton
    - **Thank You ALL for your work & support!**
- Partnership paperwork feedback on edTPA materials (ZOOM Crash did not allow for this)
- Clinical Teacher Placements, edTPA, and info for districts
  - Placements are in the process of being sent to districts now and include the following:

- Placement spreadsheet w/ student info
  - Requested due date for Spring 2021 placements of November 20
- Affiliation Agreement
- TEA letter from Mike Morath about the edTPA Pilot w/ video permission slip
- What is edTPA? Handout/information sheet
- District Partnership Agreements
  - Partnership Agreements will be sent to the district principals after Thanksgiving break.
  - edTPA documents include postcard handout
- Cooperating Teacher Support
  - A brief online training is sent to assigned cooperating teachers
    - Current training covers effective mentorship of clinical teachers
    - edTPA information is being added
    - LiveText information
  - edTPA should not add any additional responsibilities to our cooperating teachers. They will simply continue to support the clinical teacher in this journey.

\*\*Was not able to complete breakout rooms due to zoom challenges with crashing.

- ZOOM Break Out Rooms
  - What are you (K-12 partners) struggling with? What can the SFA EPP do to help/support?
  - What is working in your setting that you could share w others?
  - What are the implications for K-12 Schools and/or Educator Preparation as a whole?
  - OR TOPIC of CHOICE
- Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)
  - CAEP ANNUAL REPORT-04/20
  - Self-Study Report-08/20
  - CAEP Formative Feedback Report-11/20
  - CAEP Site Visit- 4/18-20 of 2021
  - Save the date: 4/19 - (Virtual)

### Important Dates

- **Spring Teacher Job Fair**- March 20th, 9:30-12:00
  - <http://www.sfasu.edu/ccpd>



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- **NEXT MEETING –February 18<sup>th</sup> 2021**

- Other Items