

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS' COUNCIL

Summary Notes

February 9th, 2023

1:30 – 3:00 PM

McKibben Rm 131

In Attendance: Judy Abbott, Carrie Baker, Lisa Bentley, Deborah Buswell, Bonnie, Fyffe, Beth Gound, Dennis Gravatt, Stacy Hendricks, Harlee James, Lindsey Kennon, Alyssa Landreneaux, Jane Long, Mike Martin, Melanie Mercer, Michelle Miller, Jannah Nerren, Barbara Qualls, Susan Reily, Amanda Romig, Chay Runnels, Christina Sinclair, Julie Stadler, Lisa Stone, Nikkie Strahan, Joe Strahl, Tingting Xu, Heather Samuelson, and Leslie West.

On ZOOM: Adam Akerson, Jamie Cupit, Troy Davis, Heather Munro, Bruce Payette, and Brain Church.

Not in attendance: Brian Barngrover, Candis Carraway, Lysa Hagan, Rachel Jumper, Margaret Leysath, Jennifer Malmberg, Ronda McClain, Mark Montgomery, Claire Murphy, Amanda Rudolph, Chris Sams, Elizabeth Spradley, Pamela Vaughan, Michael Walker, and Amber Wagon.

1. Welcome

Dr. Judy A. Abbott

- Approval of November 2022 Summary Notes
 - Motion to approve-Dr. Barbara Qualls
 - Motion to 2nd- Dr. Jannah Nerren
 - 1 abstention-Dennis Gravatt
 - The approved motion carried unanimously
- Dr. Jannah Nerren, Ed Studies Department Chair- Updates
 - The USPREP application has been submitted and we should have a response by the next PEC meeting in April.
 - Lufkin ISD will be our 1st partner
 - TEA vetted Residency application is not up on their website. TEA was previously said it will be in March.
 - Working on a workday for the middle level grade program to find ways to grow this program.
 - PK-3 certification application is currently submitted to TEA and we are waiting to hear about the status of the application.

2. Assessment & Accountability

- TEA Updates-Christina Sinclair
 - **2021-2022 Accreditation Status**
 - Accredited – Warned
 - Review of why our EPP is now Accredited-Warned and what that means to our students at this time. She reviewed where our strengths are and where we can

improve. The greatest importance seems to get the former students to actually take the first-year teacher survey from TEA. Our response rate could improve.

- Please review your First Year Teacher Results and discuss findings and possible implications for your program.
- Dr. Nerren discussed maybe having a zoom event to keep a connection with the first-year teachers so we can keep them informed and give them support.

○ **TEA Review Preparation--- PEC TEAMS FOLDER -Christina Sinclair**

- TEA Standards Alignment Charts for each Certification Pathway (DUE by April 27th mtg)
- Qualtrics Survey Results
 - Instruction in Digital Learning
 - Virtual Instruction and Virtual Learning
- All documents and spreadsheets are located in your TEAMS folder.

○ **Candidate Data and Monitoring**

- Cohort GPAs are holding strong. 3.33 overall, 3.31 initial and 3.43 Advanced.
- Alyssa and Harlee provided EDTPA Fall 2022 Results by certification, gender, ethnicity. They are performing very well with EDTPA. All info is in the one drive folder.
- Initial Programs – EPP Admission Information

○ **Initial Level/Teacher EPP Admission Screening Instrument**

- Christina called interested parties to join a working group to review and recommend updates/changes. We need between 7 and 10 people to serve in this working group to review and discuss ways to improve the EPP screening instrument.

○ **Clinical Teaching -Michelle Miller**

- Paid Clinical Teaching Update-We are now up to 25 districts offering paid spots with more interested and working towards this plan.
- Spring 2023 Meet the Districts Event Update
 - January 26th -It went very well with 21 districts in attendance.
 - September 5th will be the next Meet the Districts Event. We encourage you to attend and bring your students.
- Fall 2023 Clinical Teaching Application closes on February 15, 2023

- Spring 2024 Clinical Teaching Application opens on July 1st and closes on September 15th
- **SBEC Meeting**
 - February 10, 2023 at 8:30am
 - Meeting is available virtually at [Texas Education Agency - Texas - Admin Monitor](#)
 - A summary will be provided to update you on important information.

3. Items from the Floor

Dean Abbott expressed concern over the fact that the EPP program is decreasing in numbers every semester. Be mindful of this and what recourse this causes, for example: reduced sections.

Leslie West talked out a wonderful website <https://getthefactsout.org/>

Get the Facts Out is a partnership between four national societies working to repair the reputation of the teaching profession. This site contains resources for prospective teachers, faculty/staff who prepare teachers, and the general public.

4. Adjourn at 3pm

- **NEXT MEETING**
 - April 27th, 2023