

## PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS' COUNCIL

### Summary Notes

Nov 21st, 2024

1:30 – 3:00 PM McKibben Rm 131

#### **In Attendance:**

Judy Abbott, Carrie Baker, Lisa Bentley, Deborah Buswell, Candis Scallan, Chrissy Cross, Troy Davis, Beth Gound, Stacy Hendricks, Rachel Jumper, Lindsey Kennon, Summer Koltanski, Alyssa Landreneaux, Nicole Letchworth, Jane Long, Melanie Mercer, Michelle Miller, Jannah Nerren, Chay Runnels, Alexandra Saydyk, Christina Sinclair, Douglass Smith, Nikkie Strahan, Joe Strahl, Bill Nieberding, Wycliff Njororai, Susan Reily, Chris Sams, Daniella Anyabine, Caitlin Luna, Claire Murphy, Adam Akerson, Brian Church, Bonnie Fyffe, and Leslie West.

**Guest:** Denise Davis

#### **Not In attendance:**

Chrissy Cross, Erin Childress, Lysa Hagan, Mike Martin, Ronda McClain., Mark Montgomery, Heather Samuelson, Brian Uriegas, Amber Wagnon, Tingting Xu, Heather Munro, Lisa Stone, Jane Long, Rachel Jumper, and Chay Runnels.

#### **1. Welcome**

**Dr. Judy A. Abbott**

- Approval of October 2024 Summary Notes
  - Motion to Approve- Douglas Smith
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>- Troy Davis
  - Motion passes unanimously
- SFA Updates
  - New president Dr. Neil Weaver began May 13, 2024.
  - UT Deans meet monthly
- Introductions and new members
  - Dr. Bill Nieberding Introduced the Art Education new faculty member, Denise Davis
- Dr. Jannah Nerren, Ed Studies Department Chair
  - Ed Studies Updates
    - Lifelong Learning Conference – June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Teachers can earn CE hours for this professional development conference. Please consider attending and/or presenting. <https://www.sfasu.edu/edstudies/lifelong-learning-conference/2024>
    - Steen Hall will have a floor dedicated to future teacher candidates. We are creating a community starting as freshman. We believe this will really benefit the students by creating a community of support. Watch for more information.
    - We did have the Teacher Preparation Inspection-TPI visit and were awarded a \$40k grant from the Houston Endowment Foundation.
  - Residency updates

- Fall 2024 19 Teacher candidates began the Year Long Residency. There will not be a Spring 25 Cohort but there will be a Fall 25 cohort. All EC-6 face to face teacher candidates are expected to be in the yearlong residency program Fall 2025. We are working on SEED and SPED. It's a little more complicated with those programs.
- We applied to TEA to be able to offer the Residency Certification. Decision will be Feb 2025.
- New Strategic Staffing Grant-A grant that helps districts pay for residency students. Sonja Lopez with Region 6 service center addressed that this is an easy grant with no strings attached. She is available to receive calls if you need help.

## 2. Assessment & Accountability

**Dr. Christina Sinclair,  
Ms. Carrie Baker, Mr. Joe Strahl**

- **TEA/CAEP Updates (Christina Sinclair, Carrie Baker)**
  - TEA TX Strategic Staffing Grant Opportunity—Dr. Christina Sinclair
  - 25-27 Texas Strategic Staffing Grant Introductory Webinar is Nov 22, 2024 9:00 am. This is the first of two webinars to provide information on the 25-27 Texas Strategic Staffing Grant to LEAs, which is expected to post to the TEA Grants page on 11/18/2024. The webinar will provide information to LEAs, EPP and ESC partners on the grant structure and guidelines.  
You can register for the webinar here. If you are unable to attend, the webinar will be recorded and posted on the TEA grant opportunities page the week of November 28th. Please note that due to grant guidelines, TEA cannot answer questions regarding the grant individually and cannot add questions to the FAQ document if they are sent before the grant is announced. If you have logistical questions regarding the webinar, please reach out to William Sea, Manager of Texas Strategic Staffing, at [william.sea@tea.texas.gov](mailto:william.sea@tea.texas.gov).
- New Observation Requirements: Clinical Teacher and Residents—Ms. Carrie Baker
  - TAC 228 (Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs) – Effective 9/1/2024
  - Clinical Teaching
    - 3 Informal Observations – Minimum of 15 minutes each (New Requirement)

- 4 Formal Observations – Minimum of 45 minutes each (Existing Requirement)
  - (New Requirements)
  - 4 Informal Observations (aka Walkthrough) each semester – Minimum of 15 minutes each
  - 2 Formal Observations (aka POP Cycle) each semester – Minimum of 45 minutes each
  - Field Supervisor pay increase for Spring 2025 to \$468 per student
  - Another edTPA grant was secured/awarded @ \$125,000
  - SPA Reports Due March 15<sup>th</sup>
  - ASEP Technology Fee – 2023-2024 was paid
- **Candidate Data and Monitoring (Carrie Baker, Christina Sinclair, Joe Strahl)**
    - GPA Requirement Discussion/Possible Action
    - Motion effective Fall 2025, all first-time freshman, transfer and MAT students seeking initial certification must meet and maintain an overall or last 60 hours (whichever is higher) GPA of 2.75.
      - 1st Motion to approve-Christina Sinclair
      - 2nd Troy Davis
    - **After an electronic vote from the voting members of PEC the motion was approved**

*Time ran out for any additional items to be covered/discussed. Below are informational items from slides shared with PEC members.*

- **Clinical Teaching (Michelle Miller, and Carrie Baker)**
  - Fall 2024 Teacher Job Fair and Clinical Teaching Seminar Update
    - Job fair held on November 1<sup>st</sup> results:
      - 77 Employers in attendance
      - Students – 158 Students in attendance
        - Colleges
          - 2– Science & Math
          - 15 – Liberal Arts
          - 7– Forestry & Ag
          - 21 – Fine Arts
          - 111 – Education
          - 2 – Business
          - Classifications
            - 0 – Freshmen
            - 1 – Sophomores
            - 1 – Junior
            - 106 – Seniors
            - 3 – Masters

- Center for Career and Professional Development  
Register for future events at [Handshake \(joinhandshake.com\)](https://www.joinhandshake.com)  
Center for Career and Professional Development  
Stephen F. Austin State University  
936-568-3305  
[Ccpd@sfasu.edu](mailto:Ccpd@sfasu.edu) - [www.sfasu.edu/ccpd](http://www.sfasu.edu/ccpd)

- Paid Clinical Teaching Opportunities and Updates
  - Started Spring '21 with one partner district, Brazosport ISD
  - Fall '21- OAA was still navigating the waters, continued with Brazosport
  - Spring '22- increased to 5 district partnerships, 4 in ETX and BISD
  - Fall '22- increased to 8 partners
  - Spring '23- increasing to 18 partners
  - Fall '23 - 29 district partners
  - Spring '24 - 34 district partners
  - Fall '24- 35 district partners
  - Spring '25- 32 district partners
    - Paid Clinical Teaching for Fall 24 Available positions 120 we filled 63 in 26 districts which paid students \$454,952.
    - Paid Clinical Teaching for Spring 25 currently 118 positions available we have filled 60 which will pay the students \$437,712.
- Exemplary Clinical Teacher Award Reception
  - December 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 5:00pm at the Cole Concert Hall
- Spring 2025 Meet the Districts event
  - January 28<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am – 1:00pm
- Fall 2025 Clinical Teaching Application opens on December 1<sup>st</sup>
- Spring 2025 Teacher Job Fair and Clinical Teaching Seminar
  - Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>
    - Job Fair – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
    - Seminar – 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

### 3. Items from the Floor-None

### 4. Adjourn- 3:05pm

- NEXT MEETING

- February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 1:30-3:00