

## PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS' COUNCIL

### Summary Notes

**October 2, 2025**

**1:30 – 3:00 PM McKibben Rm 131**

**In Attendance:** Daniella Anyabine, Mi Hae Bae, Carrie Baker, Lisa Bentley, Erin Childress, Brian Church, Chrissy Cross, Denise Davis, Bonnie Fyffe, Beth Gound, Stacy Hendricks, Aubrey Jones, Summer Koltonski, Alyssa Landreneaux, Lindsey Kennon, Jane Long, Caitlin Luna, Mike Martin, Ronda McClain, Melanie Mercer, Michelle Miller, Mark Montgomery, Heather Munro, Claire Murphy, Jannah Nerren, Wycliff Njororai, Barbara Qualls, Susan Reily, Chris Sams, Heather Samuelson, Candis Scallan, Christina Sinclair, Doug Smith, Lisa Stone, Nikkie Strahan, Joe Strahl, Brian Uriegas, Amber Wagnon, and Tingting Xu.

- **Welcome**
  - Introductions and new members
    - New Members: Mi Hae Bae, Denise Davis, and Aubrey Jones.
  - Approval of April 2025 Summary Notes- Christina Sinclair
    - Candis Scallan motion to accept
    - Barbara Qualls 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion
    - Motion passed unanimously
  - Jannah Nerren, Ed Studies Department Chair
    - Ed Studies Updates
      - Graduation Celebration on December 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 12:00pm at the Cole Concert Hall. This does not conflict with any graduation ceremonies.
      - January 2026 the current Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies (BSIS) degree will change to Bachelor of Science in Education (BSED)
      - The RAFT initiative was designed to provide a learning community for future teachers creating a common dorm space for living as well as professional development opportunities. Steen Hall 8<sup>th</sup> floor holds 24 future teachers. It did not go as planned due to unforeseen situations; it was not as many as we hoped for but we are hopeful for a better roll out in the future.
  
- **Assessment & Accountability**
  - Welcome Caitlyn Luna, New Testing and Reporting Coordinator
  - TEA & CAEP Updates (Christina Sinclair, Carrie Baker)
    - Accountability System for Educator Preparation (ASEP) Annual Report completed by the September 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. ASEP

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

accountability indicators are used to determine accreditation status of EPPs.

- House Bill 2 Updates and Resources
  - Go to HB 2 Presentation 09-22
  - TEA HB2 Implementation and Prep Allotment Program
    - Rolled out in February but used Fall 2026
  - <https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/news-and-multimedia/correspondence/taa-letters/hb-2-implementation-preparing-and-retaining-educators-through-partnership-program-allotment>
  - <https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/hb-2-implementation-preparing-and-retaining-educators-through-partnership-program-allotment.pdf>
- LASO Grant Information
  - <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/health-safety-discipline/learning-acceleration-support-opportunities-laso>
  - See LASO Grant 1 pagers file.
  - LASO grant-key summary points
    - Districts must apply for the grant and \$10,000 per resident will go directly to the LEA but require the LEA to match that amount and pay each resident \$20,000. LEAs can have up to 40 residents. The EPP is paid \$10,000 per resident after 1 year of successful teaching in a Texas LEA.
  - See links and handouts for details.
- **Curriculum (Christina Sinclair)**
  - PEC Curriculum Committee Membership-Thank you for your work on this committee
- **CAEP Accreditation and Unit Assessments**
  - Maintain or discontinue discussion
    - Advantages and disadvantages as well as the return on investment of CAEP accreditation were discussed.
    - Key factors discussed were the increased accountability measures added by TEA making it increasingly challenging to maintain both state and national accreditation given current resources. Resource challenges include faculty and staff time as well as accreditation costs. PEC input indicated the return on investment was not worth continuing with CAEP.
    - Candis Scallan motioned to recommend discontinuation of CAEP
    - Claire Murphy 2nd the motion

- The motion to recommend discontinuation of CAEP passed unanimously
  - Christina Sinclair communicate PEC's recommendation with Stacy Hendricks
- **Clinical Teaching/Residency/Practicum (Michelle Miller, Carrie Baker)**
- TEA Required Trainings- Carrie Baker
    - Training must be TEA approved to be accepted.
    - Make sure they complete Dyslexia and Mental Health training prior to Aug 30<sup>th</sup> or they close for a week and reopen with the new training.
  - Paid Clinical Teaching/Residency Update Fall 2025-Michelle Miller
    - Clinical Teaching 19 of the 29 districts offer paid CT
    - Redidency-14 partner districts, students placed at all districts
    - Clinical Teaching Paid Positions-42 for a paid total of \$315K for Fall 25 semester
    - Residency Paid Positions-50 for a paid total of \$462,500 per semester totaling \$925K for the yr
  - Fall 2025 Meet the Districts event was held
    - September 4<sup>th</sup> with 31 districts and 150 teacher candidates
  - Fall Clinical Teacher Job Fair
    - Oct 24 10:00-12:00 BPSC Grand ballroom
  - Fall Clinical Teacher Seminar
    - Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 1:30-3:30 BPSC Theatre
  - Spring 2026 Meet the Districts event
    - January 29<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am – 12:00pm
  - Spring 2026 Clinical Teaching/Residency Updates
    - 127 students applied for Spring 2026 Clinical Teaching
    - 31 students applied for Spring 2026 Residency
    - Testing deadline is Dec 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025
  - Ed Studies Graduation Stole Ceremony & Exemplary Clinical Teacher and Resident Awards
    - December 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 12:00pm at the Cole Concert Hall
  - Fall 2026 Clinical Teaching and Residency application
    - Opens December 1, 2025, and closes February 15, 2026

- **Items from the Floor**
  - Dr. Cross requested an agenda item for the next meeting to be about changes with program coordination.
  - Jane Long talked about their new Computer Science certificate pathways. General information about the initiative is available [here](#); applications for the SFA offering are expected to open closer to the end of 2025. Please reach out to her at [longjh@sfasu.edu](mailto:longjh@sfasu.edu) with questions or suggestions for teachers to contact.
  
- **Adjourn-3:53pm**
  - **NEXT MEETING**
    - November 20, 2025