

Teacher Education Council Meeting

December 13, 2017

Minutes

The Teacher Education Council meeting was called to order at 3:02 in Education 206. Those in attendance were: Mr. Tom Ballard (SGA), Dr. Lynn Booth (STEP/CAEP/edTPA), Dr. Laura Bruno (Health and Exercise Science), Dr. Maureen Connolly (Secondary Education), Dr. Jody Eberly (Early Childhood Education), Assistant Dean Delsia Fleming, Dr. Colette Gosselin (EASE), Dr. Tanner Huffman (iSTEM), Dr. Arti Joshi (Elementary Education), Ms. Lauren Katz (SGA), Mr. Liam Kealy (SGA), Dr. MinSoo Kim- Bossard (Early Childhood Education), Dr. Cathy Liebars (Mathematics), Dr. Nathan Magee (Physics), Dr. Michael Marino (History), Dr. Emily Meixner (English), Dr. Nadya Pancsofar (Special Education, Language and Literacy), Dr. Shri Rao (Special Education), Dr. Colleen Sears (Music Education), and Dr. Matthew Wund (Biology). The Dean of the School of Education, Dr. Suzanne McCotter, presided over the meeting.

1. Announcements

- a. edTPA spring survey completion reminder
Dean McCotter reminded the members that Katie Warga sent out an email on November 29th with an edTPA Qualtrics survey; she asked for everyone to complete that as soon as possible.
- b. Potential spring dates emailed by Friday
Certification Officer, LaChan Hannon, announced that she hopes to have a calendar for spring semester edTPA days out by Friday. This calendar would include dates for writing days, upload days, and technology training days. She also stated that this calendar is flexible and she hopes to receive feedback on what days work and if dates need to be added and/or changed.
- c. Student completion of basic skills requirement
Ms. Hannon stated that there will be a conversation in the spring to create a formal policy regarding the timeline in which students must complete the basic skills requirement. The intention of the policy is to specifically record the point at which students in each program must have successfully passed the Praxis Core or provided documentation demonstrating their exemption in each program. She asked the members to start looking at their programs and thinking about where this point occurs as a starting point for this discussion.

2. edTPA debrief (small group activity)

Dr. Booth gave a summary of the edTPA activity that occurred earlier in the semester. She thanked the TEC members for all of their support and the work they put in during the implementation semester. She stated that the bulk of students have already completed the upload process with just a small handful opting to postpone until January as they are not graduating until May.

Dean McCotter announced that the School of Education funds from this year's TCNJ Day of Giving went to a fund intended to provide financial support to students who need assistance with costs related to certification. She stated that any students in need of assistance should be directed to the Dean's Office. The Awards Committee is in the process of developing a system for how these funds will be awarded in the future.

Dr. Booth clarified that all instructional emails sent to students were also sent to global students. She also stated that going forward the Certification Office would be responsible for training field supervisors on edTPA. Ms. Hannon confirmed that the training process for this semester would be the same as last year, and that the field supervisor training dates will be included on the edTPA calendar (item 1b). Dr. Booth also clarified that the peer feedback component of edTPA does not allow peers to edit each other's work. Having a student read the prompt and their peer's answer(s) and assessing whether or not it answers the question was considered appropriate.

3. Closing Announcements

- a. Discussion of InTASC standards will continue at the February meeting.
- b. Ms. Hannon will distribute a Google Doc to all TEC members to collect data on how programs track student progress as they advance in their programs.

4. Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned at 3:48 pm.

Next Meeting: February 14, 2018