

Teacher Education Council Meeting

April 11, 2018

The Teacher Education Council meeting was called to order at 3:00 in Education 206. Those in attendance were: Dr. Carolina Blatt (Art Education), Dr. Lynn Booth (STEP), Dr. Laura Bruno (Health, and Exercise Science), Dr. Maureen Connolly (Secondary Education), Dr. Jody Eberly (Early Childhood Education), Assistant Dean Delsia Fleming, Dr. Joseph Gobel (World Languages and Culture), Dr. Colette Gosselin (Education Administration and Secondary Education), Dr. Matthew Hall (Special Education, Language, and Literacy), Ms. Lauren Katz (SGA), Mr. Liam Kealy (SGA), Dr. Cathy Liebars (Mathematics), Dr. Michael Marino (History), Dr. Nadya Pancsofar (Special Education, Language and Literacy), Dr. Colleen Sears (Music Education), and Dr. Matthew Wund (Biology). Corey Drake, LiveText Coordinator, attended the meeting as a guest. The Dean of the School of Education, Dr. Suzanne McCotter, presided over the meeting.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Announcements
 - a. The New Jersey Board of Education approved an additional year without an edTPA cutoff score.
 - b. The School of Education will have a new position titled “Manager of Assessment and Accreditation” and it is currently posted on the Human Resources website. This person will be housed in the Dean’s office and will report directly to the Dean.
2. Special Education/ Secondary Education 5 Year Proposal

Dr. Gosselin introduced the proposed Special Education/ Secondary Education five-year program. This is in response to students taking an MAT program after completing their undergraduate degree, or entering into the field certified to each the content area in secondary education but not having gone through a student teaching placement beyond elementary grade levels.

The motion to approve the proposal passed unanimously.
3. Live Text / Watermark Questions/ Concerns – Corey Drake and Dr. Lynn Booth

Dr. Booth and Corey Drake will be attending the LiveText/ Watermark conference this June, so any questions can be forwarded to them so they can get answers. Corey Drake distributed an information sheet with updates that will be coming, as well as a definition list to improve communication regarding LiveText.
4. Certification Process and Website – LaChan Hannon

There were 32 applications for the School of Education Scholarship process, 16 of those were for this semester and given priority. There were 8 scholarships awarded totaling almost \$2000.00.

Certification Officer, LaChan Hannon, displayed the new Certification website to provide updates so faculty members are aware of these changes.

5. STEP Office Placement Request Procedures – Dr. Lynn Booth

Dr. Booth announced that there will be changes to the placement request procedures in light of staffing changes within the office. She encouraged the members to give her extra feedback and communication during this process. Dr. Booth also announced there will be a small pilot using the Field Experience Module in LiveText.

6. Adjournment

Tentative Next Meeting: May 9, 2018