



Department of Teacher Education & Leadership

Professional Education Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 4, 2023 (4:00pm) via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Present: Beth Barlow, McKenzie Copeland, Desean Dyson, Jan Hankins, Stephanie Henderson, Sydney Margaret Holbert, Katherine Horlock, Cindy Melton, Dr. T. Nalls, Rachel Peeples, Jennifer Stafford, Christian Trejo, Natalie Dennis, Mario Keys,

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm by TEL Department Chair, Jennifer Stafford. A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting was made by _____ and seconded by _____. **Motion Carried.** A motion to approve the meeting agenda was made by _____ and seconded by _____. **Motion Carried.**

Department Updates, Dr. Peeples: Those working with Anthology have completed training. It will start with Grad courses.

Dr. Keys is the new EDD Coordinator

2022-2023 Accomplishments, Dr. Horlock : Program changes have been made to meet MDE requirements. The Student Teaching Pedagogy course received great feedback.

Mr Coco will be teaching Measurements and Evaluations for undergrad Elementary Education students. The Alternate Route program now requires 9 hours of coursework prior to internship courses.

Recruitment Sub-Committee, Dr. Keys: Visits to teacher academics have been added to recruitment efforts. If we are able to host the 2024 Educator Rising State Conference, it will bring a lot of students to campus next February.

Student Organization Support: We have had lots of fun events for undergrad students including tailgates, cookie decorating, trick or treat time with professors and coffee, etc.

SPED courses will be provided in the summer to provide more opportunities for teachers.

Discussion Topics: SPS recruitment officer shared ideas to encourage more into the EDU field including adding additional programs.

- JPS Administrator : One way the EPP can help retain teachers is to give them an opportunity to visit the field more often. There should be a campaign of positive press and positive verbiage to all stakeholders and community members, in order to begin to change the narrative of negativity.
- MC is working to introduce a plan for developing the Teacher Leader endorsement, in order to build leadership from the classroom and possibly more autonomy for retention purposes.

- MC is developing a Specialist in Dyslexia Therapy to not only attract new students to the field, but offer updated information to candidates holding the endorsement already.
- MC will be holding on-campus learning opportunities in SPED and research, in order to help candidates and educators with endorsement needs and action research for their educational areas.
- JPS Administrator- Can MC work with junior colleges to recruit and create field experiences for increased opportunities for real-world experiences.

Goals for 2023-24, as per the committee's suggestions:

1. Partner with Junior Colleges for an increased awareness of teacher education offerings
2. Work with school districts to increase field experiences
3. Use K-12 Content areas on the college level to bridge the academic gaps of high school students, in the university setting

The meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.