



Department of Teacher Education & Leadership

Professional Education Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 24, 2023 (3:30pm) via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Present: Jennifer Stafford, Audra Rester, Carol Lee, Randy Miley, Cheryl White, Abby McCoy, Janet Hankins, Sydney Margaret Holbert, Shirley Tipton, Mario Keys, Jordan Salvant, Melinda Gann, Kristi Melancon, Rachel Peeples, DeSean Dyson, Renee Wilson, Zaria White, Wesley Wilson

The meeting was called to order at 3:30pm by TEL Department Chair, Jennifer Stafford. A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting was made by Dr. White and seconded by Dr. Keys. **Motion Carried.** A motion to approve the meeting agenda was made by Ms. Tipton and seconded by Dr. Renee Wilson. **Motion Carried.**

Dean Melton:

University and Departmental Updates

University updates:

- QEP centered on advising and interviewing for QEP advisor will be named in the coming weeks.
- New provost has a lot of initiatives around advising and what the student body needs.

Dr. Highfield:

Departmental updates:

- Two new hires in the department- Dr. Wilson from UMMC and Dr. Kinds specializing in special ed and elementary.
- More endorsements possible in the summer
- Several online undergrad courses in maymester or summer to help them stay on track.
- Spring event - Educators Rising February 22-23, 2023. Over 900 high school students will be on campus and information is on the MC website. More info will be sent out after this meeting about judging.
 - In need of about 120 judges for this event.

2022-2024

Dr. Holbert:

- Newly proposed teacher leader specialist program
 - Will begin in Fall 2024
 - Consist of 11 courses: 1 introductory course, 10 courses, and an elective course

- Those beginning in fall of 2024 will graduate in the fall of 2025. Once the summer group starts there will be a consistent schedule offered on a rotating basis.
- Everything should be finalized by next Tuesday.
- Will present these to counsels in November to then hopefully get pushed through to MDE

Ms. Tipton:

- Newly proposed specialist in Dyslexia Therapy
 - Must have a masters in dyslexia therapy to be admitted into this program
 - These courses are stand alone courses of 36 hours of unique course work. Students can come from a variety of other programs.
 - 3.25 in all prior graduate work and 3 years of prior teaching experiences required
 - Fleshing out the syllabi at this moment
 - Have not created a schedule for this program yet
 - Fall of 2025 projected launch

Dr. Keys:

- EDD Hybrid Program update
 - 2nd year
 - Focus on improvement- increase the number of candidates into the doctoral program. Giving assistance in various areas.
 - Doctoral chairs of those committees
 - Can work in small groups to give support

Dr. Rester:

- SLLA and Praxis update
 - Picking back up because the test was not required during COVID
 - Screen share of data and graphs were shared
 - Data is trending up for the 5 year
 - 3 year organizational leadership pass rate was 66%
 - Comparison against the state and MC we are ahead in all categories except for 2. Strategic leadership and ethical leadership. If you round up, they are the same.

Discussion Topics

- Spring will focus primarily on data from Anthology specifically
 - Anthology is a different system than TK20 which is about to be phased out
 - Dr. Peoples and Dr. Wilson are handling this system. Dr. Wilson is in charge of graduate and Dr. Peoples is in charge of undergraduate.
 - More user friendly
- Zaria White
 - Will be working at East side in January!
- Abby McCoy
 - Preference of Madison Avenue/Station or Clinton East/West.
- Feedback form students
 - Some schools have mock classrooms for teacher academies and that might be beneficial to students to participate in.
- Next meeting will be in the spring.

The meeting adjourned at 4:19pm.