



Educator Preparation Program Council Spring 2015 Council Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The Council Chair, Dr. Sallie Miller, called the meeting of the EPPC to order at 12:15 p.m., February 20, 2015, in The Center for Quality Teaching and Learning.

Council Members in Attendance

Dr. Richard Baxter

Dean, College of the Arts

Dr. Deirdre Greer

Interim Dean, College of Education and Health Professions

Mr. Roger Hatcher

Director, Center for Quality Teaching and Learning

Dr. David Lewis

Muscogee County School District, Superintendent

Dr. Renee Mallory

Ft. Benning Schools, Principal

Dr. James Martin

Harris County Schools, Superintendent

Dr. Sallie Miller

Columbus State University, Associate Dean, Council Chair

Dr. Ellen Roberts

Columbus State University, Associate Provost

Ms. Debby Whatley

Columbus State University, Coordinator of Teaching and Learning, Council Secretary

Meeting Overview

The Spring Semester 2015 Council meeting provided members with updated information about educator preparation programs.

The updates included information from the Office of the Provost, College of Education and Health Professions Office Interim Dean, College of Education and Health Professions Associate Dean for Assessment and Accreditation and Director of Center for Quality Teaching and Learning.

All members attending participated in a beneficial round table discussion on the current issues facing P-12 schools and how institutes of higher learning might better prepare teacher candidates. Areas specifically discussed were behavior issues currently facing teachers and administrators in the schools and how the colleges could provide more support in this area. Another area of concern discussed was the number of on-line learning courses to be offered by the college. Strategic decisions must be made in carefully selecting classes to be taught on-line. For example, some courses are not suitable for on-line in the educational field.

Summary Topics and Notes

Dr. Sallie Miller, EPPC Council Chair and Associate Dean for Assessment and Accreditation, welcomed the council members to The Center for Quality Teaching and Learning and provided information on the Organization Chart. She reported the MOU for Harris and Muscogee County were complete. Ft. Benning has a little more work before its completion.

The Spring 2015 council meeting minutes were reviewed and approved without revision.

Dr. Ellen Roberts, Associate Provost for Graduate Education and Distance Learning, Director of the Graduate School, updated the committee on the three search committees and progress with interviewing candidates. She reported that CSU's overall enrollment had flat lined in the last few years. Graduate and on-line students had the larger growth areas. Good news for the educational department in the doctoral program, up from 40% to 77%, due to great work from Mike Richardson and Mike Johnson's recruiting efforts. SACS on-site visit is on schedule for one year from now.

Dr. Deirdre Greer, Interim Dean of The College of Education and Health Professions, provided information concerning the CAEP partnership, funded by Kellogg for \$400,000. Dr. Greer, Mr. Hatcher, Jessica Burnett, Veronica Murray and a pre-service teacher will work as a team to provide leadership for CAEP. Plans are being finalized for the COEHP move to the downtown campus, currently scheduled for Fall 2016. Demolition of part of the current Ledger building will take place in the next few weeks. It will be an aggressive timeline. All classrooms will be located on the first floor. The second floor will be a hospital-like setting for the School of Nursing. The third floor will be faculty offices.

Mr. Roger Hatcher, Director of the Center for Quality Teaching and Learning, informed the committee about the Co-Teaching Train the Trainer workshop on March 9 & 10. Forty participants from CSU, MCSD, and Harris County will be attending. Dr. Bobbi Ford from GADOE has requested to attend for information for the state level. Dr. Teresa Washut Heck and Dr. Nancy Bacharach from St. Cloud University will be leading the Workshop. Co-Teaching participants from CSU/MCSD will be redelivering this information during MCSD's TLA in May. Mr. Hatcher will attend the National Professional Development Schools conference in Atlanta in March. Our PDS pilot schools for Fall 2015 will be North Columbus Elementary, Gentian Elementary, and St. Mary's Elementary. Each school is representing a region in MCSD. Planning for the formal Fall roll out continues with Roni Collins and Christy Nolan from MCSD serving with us on the committee.

An informal round table discussion was conducted. PBIS, UTeach, CISM, Ga Milestone testing, and SPED add on certification were among the topics discussed.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Debby Whatley