

# *Educator Preparation Program Council*

## **Fall 2015 Council Meeting Minutes**

### Call to Order

The Council Chair, Dr. Sallie Miller, called the meeting of the Educator Preparation Program Council (EPPC) to order at 12:20 p.m., November 3, 2015, Center for Quality Teaching and Learning.

### Council Members in Attendance

Dr. Richard Baxter, Dean  
College of the Arts

Dr. Deirdre Greer, Dean  
College of Education and Health Professions

Mr. Roger Hatcher, Director  
Center for Quality Teaching and Learning

Dr. Floyd Jackson, Department Chair  
Professor Chemistry

Dr. David Lewis, Superintendent  
Muscogee County School District

Dr. Renee Mallory, Principal  
Fort Benning Schools

Dr. James Martin, Superintendent  
Harris County Schools

Dr. Sallie A. Miller, Associate Dean for Assessment and Accreditation / Council Chair  
College of Education and Health Professions

Ms. Debby Whatley, Coordinator of Teaching and Learning, Council Secretary  
Center for Quality Teaching and Learning

### Meeting Overview

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

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

Council members lengthily discussed the current issues facing P-12 partners; specifically, the predicted teacher shortage and how it can be addressed now.

## Summary of Discussion Topics

**Dr. Sallie A. Miller** welcomed the council members and reported that the Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) for Harris and Muscogee County School Districts were signed and on file for 2015-2016. The MOU for Fort Benning Schools is still a work-in-progress.

The Human Resource Directors Council meeting was October 14, 2015. The Directors are continuing to work with CSU on the exchange of data to meet national accrediting standards for indirect assessments (employer and alumni surveys) and Teacher Effectiveness Measures data, Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA).

The *US News and World Report Best Graduate Schools Ranking* will be published soon. The superintendents were encouraged to complete the US News and World Report survey for CSU.

**Ms. Debby Whatley** presented the Spring 2015 meeting minutes for approval and they were approved with one revision.

**Dr. Deirdre Greer** reported on her trip to Washington, DC for 100K in10 discussing how to better prepare excellent STEM teachers for our classrooms. She emphasized that CSU must set goals to boost math and science beginning with elementary education K-5 education programs. CSU must also look for opportunities to seek additional funding for math and science, such as the Woodrow Wilson Grant. The production and retention of math and science teachers for the next few years will be necessary.

CAEP (Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation) is working with parents and guardians using two different parent training groups; online and face to face.

Update on the COEHP (College of Education and Health Professions) move to the downtown campus: A group was recently given a tour of the progress being made in the old Ledger building and the new addition. All classrooms, Math Collaborative, Center for Quality Teaching and Learning, and the Ivey Center will be located on the first floor. The second floor will be a state of the art hospital-like setting for the School of Nursing. The third floor will be faculty offices.

**Mr. Roger Hatcher** informed the committee about the progress of the Professional Development Schools. The pilot program began with a concentrated effort in three elementary schools last year. It has already spread and we are looking for further partnerships. North Columbus Elementary School has 3 ECE (Early Childhood Education) classes taught on their campus, Gentian Elementary School has a SPED (Special Education) class, St. Mary's Elementary School and Double Churches Elementary School have PE (Physical Education) classes, Downtown Elementary has an Introduction to Education class, and Northside High School has a high school ELA (English Language Arts) class taught on site. All have been well received. The presence of the professor on campus has made the difference. We are working on the hard data to support it now. The next step is ongoing professional learning which is continuing this semester on December 8, 2015 with "Dealing with Autism in the Classroom" by Dr. Jeanine Wert, Associate Professor of Health, Physical Education, and Exercise Science. We are also working with our

Muscogee County School District partners toward true year-long placements of our teacher candidates in the schools.

EPPC Member Round Table Discussion

A constructive round table discussion focused on the issues with *Teacher Keys Effectiveness System* (TKES) and *Leader Keys Effectiveness System* (LKES), *Georgia Milestones Assessment System* and the imminent teacher shortage in the state. We need to address issues now and plan strategies to deal with the teacher shortage.

Round Table Discussion Threads: 1) Through the current licensure process we are losing teachers. 2) Dynamic teachers are being taken away due to the constraints placed on them. 3) The consensus was that the mindset should be to improve instructional practice. 4) Graduation rate is the true measure of teaching and learning.

*Lead for Topic Discussions*

Dr. Richard Baxter, Dean

Dr. Renee Mallory, Principal –Fort Benning Schools

Dr. David Lewis, Superintendent

Dr. James Martin, Superintendent

Dr. Dennis Rome, Dean

Meeting Adjourned at 1:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Debby Whatley