

Educator Preparation Program Council
Fall 2017 Luncheon/Meeting Minutes
Frank D. Brown Hall Building, Conference Room 2004
1127 Broadway
Columbus, GA 31901
November 14, 2017, Noon – 1:30 pm

Council Members Attending

Dr. Tina Butcher, Interim Provost
Columbus State University

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

Mr. Patrick Hall
Fort Benning Schools

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

Dr. Tim Howard, Professor and Associate Dean
College of Letters and Sciences

Dr. David Lewis, Superintendent
Muscogee County School District

Dr. James Martin, Superintendent
Harris County Schools

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

Ms. Jackie Adamczyk, Administrative Assistant to the Associate Dean for Assessment and Accreditation
College of Education and Health Professions

Call to Order

Dr. Sallie A. Miller

The Council Chair, Dr. Miller, called the Educator Preparation Program Council (EPPC) meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., November 14, 2017, Frank D. Brown Hall, Room 2004.

Office for Assessment and Accreditation – News and Discussion

Dr. Sallie A. Miller

Dr. Miller’s PowerPoint presentation will be posted.


Dr. Miller provided the council members with assessment and accreditation updates. Updates included: 1) U.S. News & World Report survey for “Best Graduate School”, 2) Facts and Figures Reference Data Publications, which displayed the following data:

Enrollment

Level	CSU Enrollment	COEHP Enrollment	Percent of CSU Enrollment
Undergraduate	6789	1798	26.48%
Graduate	1618	969	59.88%
Total	8407	2767	32.91%

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Pass Rates [100% GACE Content Pass Rate]

 Title II Reporting Services	Number Taking Assessment ¹	Number Passing Assessment ²	Institutional Pass Rate	Number Taking Assessment ¹	Number Passing Assessment ²	Statewide Pass Rate
All program completers, 2015-16	140	140	100%	3444	3426	99%
All program completers, 2014-15	125	125	100%	4126	4090	99%
All program completers, 2013-14	137	137	100%	4408	4345	99%

Undergraduate MAP Evaluation






An initial certification evaluation that outlines the skills beginning teachers should demonstrate. These skills are categorized into four domains: Planning and Preparation, Classroom Environment, Instruction, and Professional Responsibilities. *97% of student teachers passed the MAP evaluation during Spring Semester 2017*

Undergraduate Dispositions Evaluation

An assessment that evaluates the teacher candidates' values, commitments, and professional ethics. *97% of student teachers passed the Dispositions evaluation during Spring Semester 2017*

Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA)

The edTPA assessment includes a review of the teacher candidate's teaching materials that documents and demonstrates his/her ability to effectively teach subject matter to all students.

Fall 2016 Columbus State University's edTPA Data (N = 56)	Spring 2017 Columbus State University's edTPA Data (N = 84)
For the Elementary Handbook- 18 Rubrics (n = 16)  Cut score of 42: 100% pass rate	For the Elementary Handbook- 18 Rubrics (n = 19)  Cut score of 42: 100% pass rate
For World Language Handbook- 13 Rubrics (n = 1)  Cut score of 29: 100% pass rate	For World Language Handbook- 13 Rubrics (n = 0)
All Other Handbooks with 15 Rubrics (n = 39)  Cut score of 35: 100% pass rate	All Other Handbooks with 15 Rubrics (n = 65)  Cut score of 35: 98% pass rate

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Jackie Adamczyk

The April 11, 2017 EPPC meeting minutes (Spring 2017) were read and approved with no revisions.

Office of the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs – News and Discussion

Dr. Tina Butcher

Dr. Butcher stated that the provost search is ongoing [see below regarding information on the two candidates]. Please note: The provost search site <https://aa.columbusstate.edu/provost/> has been updated to include the CVs.

Dr. Butcher advised that enrollment is up slightly. Our enrollment is at 8,435 which is a record for CSU. This increase would not have been possible without our Dual Enrollment Program. Dual enrollment contributed 238 additional students [106 are from Muscogee County Schools and 132 are from Harris County Schools]. These partnerships are working very well. Dr. Butcher stated that Ms. Melissa Young,

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who is the advisor for the *Move on When Ready* is at the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE). Ms. Young coordinates the dual enrollment.

Dr. Butcher also discussed Winterfest 2017. Winterfest is on Tuesday, November 28th from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on main campus. It is for individuals of all ages and there is no admission fee.

Office of the Dean – News and Discussion

Dr. Deirdre Greer

Dr. Greer recently visited Arizona State University where she was able to speak with her mentor. They spoke on the phone regarding improving the education and nursing programs at CSU. One of the items that they discussed was *Reimagining Education*. *Reimagining Education* is aimed at enhancing student learning outcomes and employability. It is benchmarking from different professions. Dr. Greer stated that Dr. Jan Burcham, Interim Associate Dean of Teacher Education, Dr. Tamara Condrey, Associate Director/Assistant Professor of the School of Nursing, also participated in conversations and activities in the 1-1/2 day conference at Arizona State University on how to improve the way we do things in the COEHP. The conference started with a panel discussion.

In January, Dr. Greer will provide more information and we will be using *Reimagining Education* at the COEHP to improve the education and nursing programs.

Partner Schools – News and Discussion – Fort Benning Schools

Mr. Patrick Hall, Fort Benning Schools

Mr. Hall (Science/STEM 6-12) *Instructional Systems Specialists (ISS)* stated that he wants all Fort Benning schools to be STEM certified. He is currently putting together a plan and will present to Dr. Coleman. They are very interested CSU teacher evaluation tools that were presented in the PowerPoint presentation.

Partner Schools – News and Discussion – Harris County Schools

Dr. James Martin (Superintendent, Harris County School District)

Dr. Martin thanked us for working with Harris County Schools with dual enrollment. Dr. Martin stated that they are working on a joint project with CSU and two of their elementary schools. If CSU needs anything to help spur that along, please let Dr. Martin know.

Next month, in December 2017, Harris County will have their first STEM school. New Mountain Hill Elementary School will be their first STEM school. The other schools will be following. Dr. Martin stated “that every school has their own culture”. He would like for the teachers to teach their students the culture of *that* school. He does not want each school to be “cookie-cutter”. Dr. Martin stated that he wants each school to define their own culture with the STEM program. The teachers are now embracing this initiative.

Dr. Martin expressed interest in working with CSU and Columbus Technical College on getting their teachers re-trained or further to their education.

Partner Schools – News and Discussion – Muscogee County Schools

Dr. David Lewis (Superintendent, Muscogee County School District)

Dr. Lewis addressed the following:

- 1) Stem Certified Schools

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MCS D has two STEM certified schools currently in place. G.W. Carver STEM High School is the pipeline.

2) Fine Arts School

MCS D has a new fine arts school (Rainey-McCullers School of the Arts). Dr. Lewis expressed a strong interest in providing students the opportunity to have dual credits in art.

3) STEM Award

Pratt & Whitney awarded a STEM Education Grant to Rainey-McCullers School of the Arts (Mr. Oliver Ellis).

4) Vocational and Technical Careers

Dr. Lewis discussed vocational and/or technical careers such as plumbing and electrical. He stated that as people are retiring in those fields, those positions (careers) will need to be replaced. The focus should not always be about the high tech jobs because we do need vocational/technical jobs which are just as important.

5) Urban Culture

MCS D is working with schools regarding urban culture (e.g. Spencer High School). Successful *urban teachers* are needed for the student success.

6) Dr. Lewis stated that there seems to be disconnect between what a good school is and what the school's needs are. He stated two questions:

- 1) How do you determine the quality of schools?
- 2) How do we get people to pay attention?

Open Discussion

Council members discussed:

- 1) Students are being taught to test but not to absorb the information.
- 2) Elementary school teachers *do not* always teach science and social studies but they do center much of their teaching on math and literacy. Council Question: Could this be the reason why some students do not test well in middle grades.
- 3) Milestones (Critical Response)
- 4) Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Teachers are being asked to do more than they are "taught/trained" to do.

Updates – Center for Quality Teaching and Learning

Mr. Roger Hatcher, Director

1) Go to Teach

We are starting up a "Go To Teach" program that is partnering with nine students in the area. Working with high school principals and their staff, we have pinpointed a list of juniors and seniors who have expressed an interest in considering teaching as a profession. We have 250-300 names of potential students who are interested in the profession of whom we will bring to CSU during Spring, 2018.

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2) A Study on Creativity with Elementary Schools

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Study Question: How we can create the aspects of creativity and how we can incorporate those aspects.

Updates – College of Letters and Sciences

Dr. Tim Howard, Associate Dean and Professor of Mathematics

1) UTeach Program

The UTeach Program has been active over 5 years now and currently has 17 graduates who have completed the UTeach program and teaching certification; 100% have been placed in schools.

2) Computer Science Teacher Certification Program

The UTeach Program has been working with the TSYS School of Computer Science to develop a program of study leading to a major in computer science with secondary teaching certification. The program still needs to be approved by the University Curriculum Committee, and then by the GaPSC. If everything goes smoothly, the program will be available for the 2018-2019 academic year.

3) LSAMP Program

CSU is leading a six-institution proposal to the National Science Foundation for the formation of a Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) in STEM program. CSU is joined in this effort by Abraham Baldwin Technical College, Columbus Technical College, South Georgia Technical College, Georgia Southwestern State University, and Valdosta State University. Each partner institution will devise its own strategies for recruiting and retaining underrepresented minorities, informed by the Possible Selves theory for identity development, with a commitment to counter deficit oriented thinking.

Adjourn

Minutes by: Ms. Jackie Adamczyk