



## **Educator Preparation Program Council Fall 2014 Council Meeting**

### **Call to Order**

The Council Chair, Dr. Sallie Miller, called the EPPC meeting to order at 12:10 p.m., November 4, 2014, Center for Quality Teaching and Learning.

### **Council Members in Attendance**

Dr. Sallie Miller  
Dr. Tom Hackett  
Dr. Deirdre Greer  
Mr. Roger Hatcher  
Dr. David Lewis  
Dr. Christy Cabeza  
Dr. Jimmy Martin  
Ms. Debby Whatley

### **Meeting Overview**

The Fall 2014 Council meeting provided members with updated information about educator preparation programs.

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

All three superintendents and COEHP members participated in a beneficial roundtable discussion on the current issues facing P-12 schools and how institutes of higher learning might better prepare teacher candidates.

### **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 reviewed the Council's charge and purpose.

The Spring 2014 council meeting minutes were reviewed and approved without revision.

**Dr. Thomas Hackett, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs,** expressed gratitude to the council for supporting the partnership. Dr. Hackett applauded Dr. Deirdre Greer's exceptional leadership as he introduced her as the Interim Dean of the College of Education and Health Professionals.

Dr. Hackett noted performance data currently indicate a 5% retention increase from freshmen to sophomore year. However, the last 2-3 years have seen a decrease in the size of the freshman class.

Updated information on the search for a new president for Columbus State University was provided. A possible target date for the new president to be named is July 1, 2015. An interim president should be named within the next week.

Post-Meeting Information: Dr. Tom Hackett is now serving as the Interim President for Columbus State University.

**Dr. Deirdre Greer, Interim Dean of The College of Education and Health Professions,** focused on two upcoming initiatives that will require collaboration with our partnering school districts.

The first initiative involves exploring the Professional Development School (PDS) concept. A group composed of COEHP and Muscogee County School District personnel attended the PDS conference in October at the University of Georgia. At this time options are being explored to determine what the CSU model will look like. The pilot will begin Fall 2015.

Secondly, Dr. Greer explained that edTPA, the pre-service *teacher performance assessment*, is closely aligned with TKES. CSU has taken a lead in preparing teacher candidates for edTPA before it is required in the state. The goal is to prepare candidates to be "teacher ready" as they leave CSU.

Dr. Greer also reported a drop in enrollment in the College of Education and Health Professions.

**Dr. Sallie Miller, Council Chair and Associate Dean for Assessment and Accreditation,** provided each member with a COEHP Assessment Council Fact Book and folder of information.

The three superintendents were provided a Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) that were drafted and approved by the Human Resource Directors' Council. The MOU was designed to help meet the new accrediting state and national requirements and standards. Each document should be returned by January 2015. Dr. Miller and Dr. Cabezas will meet in December on the MOU for DoDEA schools.

**Post-Meeting Information:**

The Harris County MOU was signed and returned.

Drs. Miller and Cabezas met and the MOU is under revision.

**Mr. Roger Hatcher, Director of the Center for Quality Teaching and Learning**, suggested that a guide for edTPA be developed for principals to use when interviewing candidates for teaching positions. The guide will include relevant edTPA questions.

Mr. Hatcher also updated the council on the preparation for the PDS working toward the pilot in Fall 2015

**Council Roundtable Discussion**

An informal round table discussion was conducted. Dr. Greer will investigate the possibility of COEHP special education teacher certification in EBD, mild, and moderate. DODEA has been unable to find teachers certified in these areas.

**Meeting Adjourned at 1:10 pm**

Ms. Debby Whatley, Council Secretary