

**Educator Preparation Program Council
Spring 2017 Council Meeting Luncheon**

Minutes

Call to Order

The Council Chair, Dr. Miller, called the meeting of the Educator Preparation Program Council (EPPC) to order at 12:00 p.m., April 11, 2017, Frank Brown Hall.

Council Members in Attendance

Dr. Tina Butcher, Interim Provost
Columbus State University

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

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. Renee Mallory, Principal
Fort Benning Schools

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

Meeting Overview

The Spring Semester 2017 Council meeting provided members with updated information regarding educator preparation programs.

The updates included information from the Interim Provost, Dean, Professor and Associate Dean for Assessment and Accreditation, and Director of Center for Quality Teaching and Learning.

During the above updates and throughout the meeting, all council members engaged in discussions of current issues facing P-20 educators.

Summary of Discussion Topics

Dr. Miller welcomed everyone to the first meeting at Frank Brown Hall.

Mrs. Whatley presented the Fall 2016 council meeting minutes. The council members approved the minutes without revision.

Dr. Butcher thanked everyone for attending. Dr. Butcher informed the committee that CSU is hosting candidates for the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs beginning today. Listed below are the three candidates:

- 1) Dr. Scott Furlong, Dean of the College of the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
- 2) Dr. Bradley Bond, Associate Vice President and Dean of the Graduate School and Interim Associate Vice President for International Affairs at Northern Illinois University
- 3) Dr. Jeanne Gerlach, Associate Provost for K-16 Initiatives at the University of Texas, Arlington

On May 2 the Strategic Plan will be presented. Themes are academic excellence, student-centered campus, innovation and creativity, partnerships, leadership, and campus environment. The focus is on the student and our institution providing transformational learning experiences that prepare the students to serve as creative problem-solvers and high impact leaders. CSU is working with school districts to determine the best way to serve students with the *Move On When Ready* program. We are looking at various options; either on campus, on-site at the home school, through synchronous technology, or online.

Dr. Greer announced that next year the focus on cultural diversity continues by setting goals for departments. This year the focus has been on educational awareness.

We are looking for ways to evaluate the MAP assessment revisions to ensure that our key assessments are reliable, valid, and consistent with the requirements outlined by CAEP.

CSU's goal is to be the source for our neighboring school systems for providing professional development.

Dr. Miller presented the following updates:

- 1) *Memoranda of Understanding (MOU)* for Harris County and Muscogee County are signed and active for the next academic year. The Fort Benning School MOU is a work-in-progress.
- 2) CSU ranked [but not published] in the "Best Graduate School" category on the 2017 US News and World Report (USN-WR).

Superintendents informed Dr. Miller that they did not receive the survey...maybe it went to their spam account. She will work with USN-WR next year to ensure survey distribution to the superintendents and other CSU-COEHP identified recipients.

- 3) Data on COEHP's website include the:
 - a. Facts and Figures Data Reference Publications on page 6
Link to website: <https://coehp.columbusstate.edu/factbooks/index.php>
 - b. edTPA scores at 90% and above (cut scores will be going up in Fall)
- 4) The Human Resource Directors' Council members are exchanging/sharing some data to determine how our students are doing in the field.

Mr. Hatcher reported the following:

- 1) Muscogee County and Harris County district personnel interviewed more than 100 students during *Spring Interview Days*, March 16 and 17.

- 2) We are continuing to develop a mentoring program for our students.
 - a. A mentor advisory committee was established
 - b. New teachers received a survey
 - c. The mentoring program will move forward at full speed beginning this fall

Council Members Discussion Topics Summary

Meaningful, engaging discussions on current and upcoming issues followed the individual reports.

Dr. Martin commented on the positive feedback from Interview Days. Harris County was impressed with the process and the candidates.

Dr. Lewis commented our graduates were of high quality.

UTeach and Woodrow Wilson continue to try to attract more math and science majors.

Dr. Mallory reported that Fort Benning Schools would be downsizing instead of having a reduction in force. As a part of this process, monetary incentives would be offered to encourage retirement.

Superintendents discussed the need for more diagnostic reading courses for teachers. They have noticed an increase in the number of dyslexic students and would like more reading diagnostic courses offered to assist teachers with reading instruction with these students.

Enrollment is down in the College of Education. To encourage more students to enter the field, promotional videos of outstanding teachers are used.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Mrs. Whatley