

*Educator Preparation Program Council*  
*Center for Quality Teaching and Learning*

## **Spring 2016 Council Meeting Minutes**

### **Call to Order**

The Council Chair welcomed everyone to the Center for Quality Teaching and Learning. She called the meeting of the Educator Preparation Program Council (EPPC) to order at 12:10 p.m., March 1, 2016.

### **Council Members in Attendance**

Dr. Richard Baxter, Dean  
College of Arts

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

Dr. Tom Hackett, Provost  
Columbus State University

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  
Ft. Benning Schools

Dr. James Martin, Superintendent  
Harris County Schools

Dr. Sallie A. Miller, Associate Dean for Assessment and Accreditation / Council Chair

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

### **Meeting Overview**

The Spring Semester 2016 Council meeting provided members with updated information about educator preparation programs.

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

All council members engaged in discussion of current issues facing P-20 educators; explicitly, the predicted statewide faculty shortage based on statistics from the Governor's Report. The discussion included conversation concerning the role the partnership could play in working with induction teachers to keep them in the field.

Superintendents from Harris and Muscogee counties agreed to provide Teacher Effectiveness Measures (TEM) data to assist with CSU state and national reporting / accreditation.

#### **Educator Preparation Program Updates**

Mrs. Debby Whatley presented the Fall 2015 council meeting minutes which were approved without revision.

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Dr. Tom Hackett updated the committee on the SACS visit. He discussed the college's Quality Enhancement Plan and the website "We Solve It!" formulated to inform and solicit feedback from faculty about ongoing processes and ideas. He encouraged area superintendents and university employee participation in the process.

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Dr. Deirdre Greer shared information from the College of Education and Health Professions. Dean Greer expressed appreciation to the superintendents for their support of a strong partnership in teacher education.

The 2015 National Teacher of the Year, Ms. Shanna Peeples, visited our area February 29 and March 1. Dean Greer attended breakfasts in her honor at the Cunningham Center and at Muscogee County School District.

A "Topping Out Party" was held on February 28 at the new downtown "uptown" location for COEHP. Everyone seems excited about the upcoming move downtown.

During Fall 2015 CSU teacher candidates were required to pass EdTPA. Our teacher candidates scored a 97% pass rate. EdTPA is a good measure for what new teachers should be doing deliberately. Cut scores will go up but we feel confident our students will have the knowledge and skills necessary to pass.

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Dr. Sallie Miller gave an informative Smartboard presentation on the Facts and Figures (formerly called Fact Books), which are online. Dr. Miller shared that while graduate programs are showing a 13% increase, undergraduate enrollment is down at this time.

A spring meeting is scheduled for the Human Resource Directors' Council (April 13). Dr. Lewis from Muscogee County and Dr. Martin from Harris County both agreed to share Teacher Effectiveness Measure (TEM) data for CSU's state and national reporting / accreditation.

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Mr. Roger Hatcher reported that the partnership program continues to grow stronger and other institutes of higher learning in the state are asking us for advice. The Principals' Roundtable meetings are very beneficial. Two groups for COEHP are presenting at the National Association for Professional Development Schools (PDS) Conference on March 3-6, 2016. They will be sharing what we are doing in our PDS program and attending sessions to learn more and increase our opportunities for growth.

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#### **Summary of General Discussion by Council Members**

A valuable discussion on current and upcoming issues followed the individual reports / educator preparation program updates.

A matter of great concern for the superintendents (Dr. David Lewis and Dr. James Martin), Principal (Dr. Renee Mallory), and the dean was the predicted statewide faculty and teacher shortage. According to the Georgia Department of Education, "Currently, 44% of Georgia's newly hired teachers are dropping out of the profession by year five. Equally alarming is that there was a 16% dip from 2010 to 2014 in the number of candidates entering Georgia's teacher preparation programs." A few possible solutions suggested were more professional development in the areas of support for new teachers, how to attract and keep new teachers, preparing leaders, teaching critical thinking skills, communication skills for dealing with parents and respect for interacting with the public, mentoring groups, and developing a passion for teaching careers.

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**Meeting Adjourned at 1:30 pm**

**Respectfully submitted by:** Ms. Debby Whatley

#### Note to Council Members

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