Professional Education Council
Wednesday, September 9, 2026: 3:30pm
GRH 3073

Attendees:

Members: Dr. Ellen Casale, Dr. David Castleman, Sarah Fischer, Dr. Nick Fortune, Dr. Christian Gallichio, Dr. Nancy Hulan, Dr. Pamela Jukes, Dr. Daniel Keller, Dr. Thomas Kingery, Dr. Ting-Hui Lee, Dr. Stacey Leggett, Dr. Jeremy Logsdon, Dr. Hope Marchionda, Dr. Erin Margarella, Dr. Kerrie McDaniel, Dr. Brian Myers, Dr. Angela Nagel, Angel Shoemake, Dr. Amy Shutt, Carnetta Skipworth, Dr. Kandy Smith, Dr. Melissa Stewart, Dr. Janet Tassell, Dr. Mindy Waldrop, Erin Warfel, Dr. Catherine Wilson, and Mandy Zeh

Advisory Members: Dr. Margie DeSander, Dr. Jennifer Hammonds, Dr. Susan Keesey, and Dr. Danita Kelley

Chair: Dr. Jennifer Klemm

Guest: Lucas Green

Start Meeting at: 3:32pm

I. Approval of May Minutes & September Agenda
   a. May Meeting Minutes (Will approve at next meeting)
   b. September Agenda
      i. Motion to Approve: Jeremy Logsdon
      ii. Second: Nick Fortune
      iii. Approve/Deny: Approved
II. EPSB updates from Professional Education Unit Head-(Dean Murphy)
   a. Grade bands had their second reading and were approved by EPSB.
      i. Elementary will be K-6.
         1. Regardless of whether it's self-contained or not 6th will be included in elementary.
      ii. Middle will be 4-9
      iii. High School will be 7-12
      iv. IECE will remain as is.
         1. If the EPPS want to add a 1-3 endorsement, that could be an option.
III. Accreditation & Continuous Improvement (Klemm)
   a. CAEP Frank Murray Award

i. We received our final CAEP decision and were informed that we did receive the CAEP Frank Murray Award. This means that we had a perfect accreditation visit with no improvements needed.

b. Watermark: Student Learning & Licensure Update (SL&L)
    i. SSO – everyone has access if you are teaching a course this semester
    ii. Review features and where we are
        1. Started on undergraduate teacher education to ensure current student teachers knew where they were.
        2. Admissions have also been a priority, so that all 250 new students are in the new system.

c. CAEP Key Assessment Data Collection
    i. Initial Programs 5A, 5B, and 6 – SL&L
        1. STE has been trained
        2. Need to set meeting times with Art, Music, PE, Ag, FACS
            a. Lucas mentioned each department setting a time directly with him for further training. He stated to come prepared with what is needed.
                i. He mentioned that his calendar is up to date, and each department could send a meeting request to him.
                ii. Meetings can be in person or over Zoom.
    ii. MAT Dispositions – SL&L
        1. In process – A little more discussion is needed. Rubric's are a little more complicated.
    iii. Undergraduate Teacher Dispositions – Decision Needed
        1. Review Initial Program List for Course Placement: are changes needed?
        2. Mentor Teachers Completing and how that works in SL&L
    iv. Advanced: Final Common Capstone Rubric and Dispositions – SL&L
    v. Student Teacher are all in SL&L
    vi. Newly Admitted candidates are being added to SL&L
        1. Gateways/Licensure Plan feature

d. Key Assessment Tables
    i. Initial Programs Key Assessment Table
    ii. Advanced Programs Key Assessment Table

e. This seems to be working much better than Anthology.
    i. With Anthology anytime students would upload something it would automatically make a check mark making it look

like everything was complete. With Watermark, it will tell the student if the submission was met or not. It also gives and option for OPES to leave comments if something is wrong.

IV. Office of Professional Educator Services (Sarah Fischer, Assistant Director)
   a. Staffing & Office Updates – Klemm & Fischer
      i. Dr. Jennifer Klemm – Director
      ii. Sarah Fischer – Assistant Director
      iii. Shannon Evans – Program Manager
      iv. Certification Officer – In the process of hiring one full time, in office, certification officer. The hope is to have this position in place by October.
   b. Candidates completing Requirements for Admission to the PEU
      i. Multiple orientations are going on for candidates.
   c. Candidates for Student Teaching
      i. OPES has completely wrapped up student teaching interviews.
      ii. There have been 202 interviews conducted.

V. New Business
   a. Election of Vice-Chair
      i. Nomination: Dr. Stacy Legget to continue – Janet Tassell
      ii. Second: Catherine Wilson
      iii. Stacey accepted
      iv. Motion: Janet Tassell
      v. Second: Nick Fortune
      vi. Approved.

VI. Other Business
   a. No other business to discuss

VII. Adjournment
   a. Motion to Approve:
   b. Second:
   c. Approve/Deny:

End Meeting at: 4:08pm