



## UNIVERSITY TEACHER EDUCATION COUNCIL (UTEC)

April 3, 2015

8:00 to 9:30 am

Faculty Club Rooms A, B, C

Minutes April 2015

**Present:** Co-chairs Cheryl Achterberg and Randy Smith, Eric Anderman, Anika Anthony, Patti Brosnan, Erica Brownstein, Caroline Clark, Alexis Collier, Steve Fink, Gregory Rose, Debbie Smith-Shank, Gary Straquadine, Tom Walsh, Bryan Warnick, Melinda Wright, Andy Zircher

**Absent/Excused:** Diane Birckbichler, Mollie Blackburn, Richard Blatt, Gene Folden, Howard Greene, Christopher Hadad, Garrett Heysel, Alan Kalish, William MacDonald, Susan Olesik

1. Greeting and introductions
  - a. Guest: Cindy Davis, Assistant Registrar – Testing Services
2. New Business
  - a. Review of March 2015 minutes – Handout #1
    - i. Approved as distributed
  - b. Pearson testing site (Cindy Davis, Assistant Registrar) – Handout #2
    - i. Question: Should OSU become a Pearson testing site?
      1. Financial – Pearson does not pay well compared with Praxis (not cost effective).
      2. Franklin University and Columbus State offer the test.
      3. The Registrar's Office posted scores for 800 students who took the test.
      4. Uncertainty as to whether Pearson will continue.
      5. Dean Achterberg: there is enough ambiguity surrounding this issue that we should wait one year to re-evaluate. In the interim, continue to monitor the status.
      6. Caroline Clark will survey program managers to ask students for feedback.
      7. Cindy Davis will meet with Franklin University to see if more convenient times can be offered.
  - c. NCATE Legacy Visit Agenda – Handout #3
    - i. A team of six NCATE reviewers will visit on April 26-27. UTEC's meeting is at 8:00am on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> in the PAES building.
    - ii. To make it more appealing/attractive for participants to attend, offer gift cards to Barnes & Noble, Staples, etc.
    - iii. With regards to diversity, the team is especially interested in recruitment.
    - iv. It will be necessary to contact our IT office to ensure access to a Polycom room to connect with Regional campuses.
  - d. Student loan default rate – Handout #4
    - i. The student loan default rate is for graduates (chart should be labeled)
    - ii. The default rate generally indicates job placement.
  - e. Update, Mindy Wright
    - i. Sen. Peggy Lehner chairs the senate advisory committee on testing. Comments can be offered at [sact.ohiosenate.gov](http://sact.ohiosenate.gov).
    - ii. Tom Walsh will follow up on the committee's activities and report back.
    - iii. The Ohio Education Resource Center directed by Josh Hawley, released a STEM education report (funded by the Ohio Board of Regents).

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- iv. Results indicate that attending a STEM school has a negative impact on student achievement.
  - v. The results are based solely on the Ohio Graduation Test scores and the report can be found at <http://oerc.osu.edu/>.
  - vi. Randy Smith: we need an advisory group that helps prioritize research needs.
  - vii. Regular UTEC agenda items should include Dual Enrollment, Teacher Credentials and On-line Labs.
- 3. Old Business
  - a. NCATE Board of Examiners Pre-Visit Report
- 4. Committee Reports
  - a. Ad hoc Fees Committee update, Gary Straquadine
    - i. The proposal was approved by the Senate Fiscal Committee and has moved on to the Provost for approval.
  - b. Appeals Subcommittee no report
  - c. Middle Childhood Education Licensure OAE and curriculum alignment (Caroline Clark)
    - i. The state test is not in line with the curriculum/standards for middle school teachers.
- 5. Discussion from floor
  - a. Randy Smith: With regards to the development of certificates (most are at the graduate level). A group of associate deans was convened to:
    - i. Gather information about what is currently happening with certificates
    - ii. Discuss what certificates should be offered
    - iii. Discuss the process to implement
    - iv. The goal is to implement by August 1, 2015 for the next academic year.
  - b. Graduate Programs – Please email Randy Smith any bureaucratic issues you have had with the Graduate school.
  - c. Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowships – there is no funding for next academic year. Teachers who go through the program are strong teachers. OSU is looking into what can be done to continue the funding for this program
  - d. At the May 10<sup>th</sup> commencement, Nancy Zimpher, former dean of the OSU College of Education, will receive a Distinguished Service Award.
  - e. President Harrison meets with representatives of all post-secondary institutions in the central Ohio area, with the purpose to develop a set of integrated pathways to higher education.
  - f. President Drake is focused on teaching-related initiatives – A teaching-related summit is planned for May 13.
- 6. May agenda
  - a. Survey of employers and alumni
  - b. Time limit for licensure recommendation
  - c. OAE results
  - d. Summary and discussion of NCATE Legacy Visit
  - e. Next steps: moving to the CAEP standards
- 7. Future agenda items
  - a. Caroline Clark's CIC article
  - b. Job placement data
  - c. Update on BSEd program enrollment and impact on MEd program (December and



- June)
  - d. OAE results (December and May)
  - e. Regional update (January of each year)
  - f. edTPA results (January and June)
  - a. Discussion about time limit for licensure recommendation (program guidelines)
  - g. Survey of employers and alumni (Andy Zircher)
  - h. Statement of Principles from CIC on Accreditation
  - i. Discussion of Michelle Alexander's book, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*
  - j. STEM, communication concerns
8. Next meeting May 1, 2015  
To add agenda items, please send to Erica Brownstein preferably one week before the next scheduled meeting
9. Remaining meetings for 2015, 8:00 am to 9:30 am, Faculty Club, rooms A, B, and C
- a. May 1, June 5, no July meeting, August 7, September 4, October 2, November 6, and December 4.