

Educator Preparation Provider Executive Committee

Amended

October 22, 2020 | 2:30 p.m. | via Zoom

I. Call to order

Dr. Reesha Adamson called to order the regular meeting of the Educator Preparation Provider Executive Committee at 2:30 p.m. on October 22, 2020.

Present: Chris Craig, Reesha Adamson, Karen Engler, Kim Finch, Stefanie Livers, Barri Tinkler

II. Approval of minutes

The September 24 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

Corrected spelling of attendee's name.

III. Discussion Items

- 1. Unit update: Dr. Karen Engler on behalf of Dr. Chris Craig
 - a) MACTE has proposed eliminating the 2.75 cumulative GPA required for admission to Teacher Education. It has been approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and is out for comment.
 - i. The state is not reducing or eliminating the required graduation GPA of 3.0. We need to monitor students that may not reach the 3.0 requirement.
 - ii. This Teacher Education requirement change should allow for a more diverse group to enter the process to become teacher educators.
 - iii. There is widespread support for this decision.
 - iv. There is a big push for public comments and the idea is to include PK-12 comments.
 - v. The committee would like Dr. Craig, as Head of EPP, to add a public comment. Dr. Tinkler and Dr. Uribe-Zarain will craft questions for a Qualtrics survey to collect data from the EPP.
 - vi. Individual comments are also encouraged but comments are not anonymous.
- 2. COE update: Dr. Barri Tinkler on behalf of Dean Hough
 - a) Admissions is working on a test code for ACT super scores for Banner.
- 3. Secondary Education Update: Dr. Karen Engler
 - a) DESE is offering money back for substitute certificates. The request must be submitted by November 4th. These are related to COVID funds.
 - i. DESE will send an email to all substitute applicants for students that applied March through November. Dr. Engler will send an email to Program Coordinators.
 - b) Dr. Engler will inform EPPC that DESE is behind on approving matrices.
 - c) The MSED curricular proposal is going before Graduate Council which is the same day as EPPC. Either Dr. Engler or Dr. Pam Correll will attend.

IV. Old Business

1. No report.

V. New Business

- 1. Updating the Diversity Plan Dr. Nate Quinn
 - a) The Diversity Committee met and discussed updating the Diversity Plan. The charge of the Diversity Committee is to review and recommend. The committee recommends that an additional separate group be formed from members of the EPP to update the plan. It is not clear who should put that group together.
 - i. There should be five to seven people on the committee.
 - ii. The plan should align with other university documentation.
 - iii. Diversity standards should be embedded instead of separate.
 - iv. Concern was expressed over handpicking of people and that is has become an overarching burden for faculty of color and may not be equitable.
 - v. Dr. Tinkler will devote a CIS about the format and get feedback as to whether it will meet our needs moving forward in partnership with Dr. Nate Quinn. The EPP Diversity Committee will come up with a timeline for the process with a mind on ensuring we have good representation, we are inclusive, and there are no undue burdens on faculty of color.
- 2. Test taker can choose their highest sub scores to combine into an ACT super score. Sub scores can be from different test dates. We need feedback on whether our cut score should be 20 or higher even though prior to this option, students may not have made the cut.
- 3. An email was sent to the Provost that the state is moving from MTS to Priority Standards. A draft of the four major content areas are open for feedback. These are the curriculum standards for students to use in lesson planning.
- 4. Dr. Adamson reviewed the voting count data from the October EPPC. The vote appeared to be efficient and the format worked. It provides a voting record on each action. Faculty Senate is intrigued about the outcome. We will continue to use this voting method and allowing members to vote up until an hour after the meeting has concluded.

Dr. Adamson adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m. Respectfully submitted by: Vicki Kramer