

Educator Preparation Provider Executive Committee AMENDED

September 3, 2020 | 3:30 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 3:33 p.m. on September 3, 2020.

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

II. Approval of minutes

The July 24 meeting minutes approved as amended.

III. Discussion Items

Unit update: Dr. Craig
 a) No report

- 2. COE update: Dr. Barri Tinkler on behalf of Dean Hough
 - a) The EPP Executive Committee approved Transition Point 1 for all students on the June admit lists whether they had completed all items or not.
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 - ii. There should be an exceptions process in place for meeting prerequisites, including MoGEA and MoVECHS, to keep students from being disadvantaged. Testing sites are open but some students may not be comfortable going out in public yet.
 - iii. We can place the students but if they are not comfortable with what the district or school is doing, they can go through an exception process. Kim Dubree's office is working with programs on a case-by-case basis for video-taping.
- 3. Secondary Education Update: Dr. Karen Engler
 - a) The MEES Training went out to university supervisors and cooperating teachers. Thus far, 36.5% have completed the quiz. MEES trainers will offer a supplemental training for new cooperating teachers once we reach close to 90% completion.

IV. Old Business

- 1. Restructure
 - a) Given everything else the committee needs to consider, restructure seems to be a low priority at this particular time. Also, some committees have renewed purpose in light of current events. The committee agrees to wait until the end of the fall 2020 semester to reassess.

V. New Business

- 1. New standards
 - a) The next CIS will focus on new standards. The question is what standards will guide the envisioning of a new assessment system. There are some standards in place and Dr. Tinkler would like to address the ones we have already adopted and review them. The next CIS is September 25th.
- 2. Placements
 - a) Kim Dubree expressed that their office is still having difficulty making practicum placements. We need to know how programs will want to approach this. Programs should have input about placements.
 - i. There must be options.

- ii. Only a few students have been placed. Some schools said come back for the second quarter.
- iii. Some schools have informed us that an influx of teachers are taking short-term disability.

3. Taskforce

- a) The guidelines did not have a timeline.
- b) People will want more definitive answers in a more timely fashion in order to plan for the spring semester. We still don't know what DESE is recommending for spring.
- c) Some schools have rejected student teachers. Some were placed and then pulled when they discovered the rate of COVID-19 infection on campus. We may need to bring this up at the September 16 EPPC.
- d) We did not generate new MOUs, but it is understood that schools will notify us if a student teacher has had interactions with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Dr. Adamson adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m. Respectfully submitted by: Vicki Kramer