

UA Teacher Education Council

Friday, January 12, 2018

8:30 – 10:30 AM

MEETING NOTES

Members present:

Chancellor Rick Caulfield (chair)	Provost Susan Henrichs	Interim Provost Duane Hrcncir
Provost Karen Carey	Interim Dean Steve Atwater	Dr. Cathy Coulter
Dr. Katy Spangler	Dr. Amy Vinlove	Dr. Jonathan Bartels
Dr. Lisa Richardson	Prof. Diane Kardash	Prof. Paul Ongtooguk
Prof. Ernestine Hayes	Dr. Sean Topkok	

Meeting notes taken by Keni Campbell, Chancellor's Executive Assistant

1. Welcome/review of agenda

Chair Rick Caulfield welcomed members and the agenda was reviewed.

2. Reminder about recording of meeting

Chair Caulfield reminded the committee that the meeting will be recorded and a live stream link has been shared so that non-members may listen in. The meeting is being live-streamed and also being recorded by video conferencing services.

He noted that once review of Executive Dean applicants begins, those meetings will not be public to respect confidentiality. Streaming and video will be turned off at that time and the remaining attendees will be limited only to those serving on the screening committee.

3. Review of previous meeting notes, December 8, 2017

S. Atwater noted his name needed to be added as having attended the subcommittee on marketing meeting.

4. Transition to UA Teacher Education Council

See attached draft charter which includes edits suggested by UATEC members at this meeting and following the meeting via email.

Concerns of the council members included those pertaining to curriculum process, accreditation, designated council members, clarifying the role of this council, and clear wording. There was also discussion about goals of quality vs. quantity, and use of research-based practices in the field.

Chair Caulfield noted that the role of this council is for it to be a venue for discussion, with emphasis on coordination and alignment across the UA system. Academic decisions would be made at the university level. New degree and certificate proposals that go to the Regents also require review by the Academic Council through the Vice President's office and the President.

5. Update on initial teacher education marketing campaign

The President's funds are paying for this marketing campaign. A creative brief developed by Spawn Media included feedback received during the last subcommittee meeting with Robbie Graham, UA Office of Public Affairs. The intention is to develop 30-second radio and television spots focused on teacher education.

In the FY19 budget proposal, \$150,000 is requested for teacher marketing funds.

6. Update about proposed Education Research: Education Pipeline REL research

S. Atwater provided a written report about the origin and goals of collaborative research involving the Alaska State Policy Research Alliance and Education Northwest's Regional Education Lab. The focus is on research to understand:

- The scope of the teacher recruitment and retention challenge in Alaska
- Challenges to entering the teaching profession
- Challenges in staying in the teaching profession

K. Carey noted the importance of groups like these working together and keeping everyone informed. Chair Caulfield noted involvement with AASB and ASA groups. All of these groups are interested in the same data and research, asking the right questions that will work for all concerned, also the policy ideas or recommendations that emerge from that process. Chair Caulfield noted that these council should stay abreast of opportunities like this, bring back reports of progress being made, review research produced. S. Atwater noted there is a keen interest in getting stakeholder input into all of these questions, and would welcome faculty input. This is an effort to bring educators together and is intended to be transparent.

C. Coulter and P. Ongtooguk commented on the need for various types of research. C. Coulter noted she likes the idea of this Council having a role in coordinating and collecting information, not just in producing teacher educators but being proactive and strategic in terms of research for the state and beyond. Chair Caulfield noted the general support from this council, and that one of the first agenda items for that group could be to engage on what the REL group is doing, provide guidance and support, and speak to concerns raised. The committee would then report back to this council what was learned, and what input faculty has had in the process. Ultimately REL research speaks to the needs that people are articulating, and is beneficial to students in our state.

7. Planning and anticipated budgets for Spring 2018 face-to-face meetings

Review of faculty groups and planned meeting dates. Chair Caulfield asked coordinators to provide a list of attendees, locations, and travel costs to Keni Campbell for planning and financial purposes.

- Elementary – meeting on February 2 in Anchorage following the Alaska Teacher Educator Forum held the two days prior.
- Secondary – hoping to meet toward the end of the semester. J. Bartels coordinating.
- Special Education – planning to meet in early February in conjunction with their conference. Joanne Healy at UAF is willing to facilitate the meeting.

- Graduate and Research – C. Coulter and L. Richardson working to coordinate this one with the Research group as there is a lot of crossover interest. Location not yet decided.

Chair Caulfield asked to what extent this council wants to suggest topics for these groups versus allowing faculty create their own topics and agenda items for discussion. P. Ongtooguk noted this council is a group that can pull it together so that sustained interest is maintained for various long-term topics. C. Coulter said the graduate faculty wanted clearer goals outlined for their meeting. A. Vinlove said at the end of their last meeting the elementary group they had prioritized topics to talk about moving forward, and crossover or non-crossover between various licensure programs. Chair Caulfield summarized the sense of the council that it is best to allow faculty at this stage to brainstorm their own agenda items. The Chair indicated his support for seeking funding to hold such face-to-face meetings of UA faculty by subdiscipline at least once or twice per year.

E. Hayes asked about the possibility of having representatives from the Alaska Native Studies statewide group meet to discuss their concerns. Chair Caulfield noted that the Alaska Native Studies Conference is meeting this year in Juneau, and does rotate between the three universities. He suggested the idea of having Alaska Native education faculty committee session during the Conference. Ernestine will work on that and report back to the group.

D. Kardash noted she supports the idea of bringing additional licensure people together. Both UAA and UAF received formative reports back from CAEP. One of the challenges is the lack of capacity to do all of the things the accrediting body is asking us to do. If we can collaborate and work together, we would have more resources. UAA has an accreditation visit at beginning of May, and UAF at the end April. Responses are required to them in late February/early March.

Chair Caulfield asked how many people would need to be included in addition to the elementary faculty already in the room. D. Kardash listed the accreditation coordinators from each university, the leadership team for accreditation, and the reps from all of the licensure programs, not just elementary. Chair Caulfield said this sounds like a need for an ad hoc team to get together soon, perhaps audio or video to meet that need sooner.

D. Kardash said the three universities have not yet had opportunities to work collaboratively together toward the accreditation efforts, to include alignment of curriculum, recruitment of teachers, use of research based practices and data to make changes. She would like to see this council promote this coordination, working together to meet the expectations of the accrediting body. Chair Caulfield asked the faculty members here on the council to work with their respective deans to set up a process for the short run, in order to provide an opportunity to have these conversations, share notes and information, and develop a plan for moving forward.

8. OFF-LINE DISCUSSION – Alaska College of Education Executive Dean hiring process

The members of the Council who are involved with screening Executive Dean applicants met off line to discuss progress with the search and screening.

9. Wrap-up and review of future meeting schedule

The next meeting is scheduled for February 16. The meeting schedule is available on the Alaska College of Education planning website.