UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON INITIAL EDUCATOR LICENSURE
Minutes February 15th, 2019, Meeting
Approved


Ex Officio Members Present:  J. Boisen, J. Ressler
Interested Parties Present:  L. Hecht, V. Sawyer
The subcommittee meeting was called to order by UCIEL Chair J. Ressler at 1:00 pm, regular meeting called to order at 1:50 pm

I. Approval of Agenda-  T. McCann made a motion, seconded by P. Fix to approve the UCIEL agenda with edits for February 15th, 2018, meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes for January 18th, 2019, with edits-  T. McCann, made a motion, seconded by R. Warren to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Reports

A. UOELP-  J. Boisen for J. Parker

1. House Bill 256 is in committee currently, this bill basically says that students can’t videotape their classrooms. The Deans will oppose this as it will affect the edTPA. Our office is closely monitoring the progress of the bill and will keep this group updated with any immediate action.

2. Next, there is a resolution to request that the edTPA be discontinued. This is only a resolution and not a bill at this time. There has been no discussion of what would take the place of the edTPA and this is also not something we support. Again, we will keep UCIEL updated with any action on this item.

Assessment-  J. Boisen for J. Parker

1. Last week programs and representatives participated in a virtual tour of Chalk N Wire data simulations. The responses were positive and feedback indicates this is a software that would enhance the process of data collections for many units across campus.

B. Assessment and Accreditation-  P. Fix for R. Siegesmund

1. You all received and reviewed the document. We have feedback from teachers who were in attendance at the PDS Retreat. We are open to change if you see items that need it. T. McCann proposes we make format structures that would make the document grammatically correct and consistent. Additional discussion took place regarding the definition of the candidate behavior versus the behavior itself prompted by J.E. Strid.
As discussed during the first reading of the document, J. Parker is charged with investigating the language and outlines to be sure we comply with copyright laws as the document closely follows the Danielson guidelines. The document was updated upon recommendations agreed upon during the discussion and will be presented at our next meeting for review and a vote to accept.

C. Placements and Partnerships- R. Warren
1. If you had anyone in the spring student teacher orientation, they have received their ALICE certificates electronically. Please reach out to R. Warren if you have someone who did not get the email with the certificate, or if you have questions. NIU PD reached out to our committee regarding the fall ALICE training and we will get back to you with more information.
2. The fall student teacher orientation is scheduled to take place on August 23rd, 2019. We reached out for the Altgeld auditorium and are waiting for a confirmation. The committee is re-designing the survey/evaluation that students are asked to complete prior to leaving the event. The idea is to ask more meaningful questions that will give the committee ideas for how we can update our event to be sure it is relevant and keeping with best practices for sharing information with candidates.

D. Curriculum, Policies and Procedures- T. McCann
1. A vote will take place regarding the statement related to the ISBE changes for substitute teaching. The group has adopted a policy that has been reviewed and discussed at UCIEL. J. Ressler calls for a vote to adopt the policy which limits NIU students from substitute teaching while completing the student teaching requirements. J. E. Strid motions to approve the policy, R. Warren seconds the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Ad Hoc- Committee – J. Parker
1. We sent out the policy regarding student teaching/short term substitution for a first reading. With a change to read “university personnel” and a few corrections this will be ready for a vote at our next meeting.

IV. New Business- J. Ressler
A. The student teacher evaluation will have the 2nd reading to include edits made at the March meeting.
B. Any update concerning the status of the House Bill 256 and the resolution impacting the edTPA will be discussed.

V. Announcements J. Cohen
A. The College of Education is hosting the 2nd annual Social Justice Camp this summer on June 4-7 and June 11-14. There are still spots available for the June 4-7 camp, the second camp has sold out all 100 registration slots. The cost is $500 per attendee and includes room, registration, keynote speakers and food. If you have a student who may be interested the
rate is discounted at $185. Please reach out to J. Cohen or the College of Education for additional details.

Motion to adjourn made by P. Fix seconded by J.E. Strid, all in favor. Meeting adjourned 2:49 pm

Respectfully submitted, Rachel Jurs-Lauderdale.