

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON INITIAL EDUCATOR LICENSURE
Minutes of the November 16th, 2018, Meeting
Unapproved

UCIEL Voting Members Present: J. Chan, J. Cohen, C. D'Alexander, P. Fix, E. Hall, J. Johnson, K. Kuschman, M. Myles, R. Olsen, J. Pokorny (proxy for T. McCann), R. Siegesmund, J.E. Strid, R. Warren, D. Werderich

Ex Officio Members Present: J. Parker, C. Zack

Interested Parties: K. Dombek, J. Doyle

The subcommittee meeting was called to order by UCIEL Chair Elect J. E. Strid at 1:02 pm

- I. Approval of Agenda- D. Werderich made a motion, seconded by J. Chan to approve the UCIEL agenda for the November 16th, 2018, meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes for October 19th, 2018, meeting- J. Chan made a motion, seconded by R. Olsen to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. Reports
 - A. UOELP- C. J. Parker
 1. Guest- J. Parker introduced Jenna Mitchell from Springfield Illinois. Jenna is the NIU Legislative Liaison and periodically returns to campus throughout the semester. J. Mitchell began representing NIU in July meeting with staff in Springfield on non-session days regarding all things higher education. Currently, licensure is on the agenda. Even though we have a Chancellor and university level representative, we are advocating in Springfield to specifically address the teacher shortage and license issues. We are speaking with the Board of Education to make sure higher education and NIU are represented in the decision making. Our ISBE legislation contact Amanda, is working with J. Parker directly. Please submit questions and concerns to J. Parker so we may continue to taper a specific, individual message from NIU. Some questions came from the group to ask if we could get student voices and other entities involved to unify our feedback such as the IEA, IBHE and ICCB to the state lawmakers. Parker noted the IACTE encourages us to go where we vote and develop relationships with local political figures and share our message. J. Mitchell
 2. Parker recommends reading the information found in the Teach Illinois Reports and sending short bullet points to her. Some of the items will go to SEPLB in December and are likely to be on the agenda. One of the new items to consider is the sunset of the TAP test in June. We are not sure if it will go but we need to begin preparing for what that will look like. Until

we know for sure, we will need to keep business as usual. Another new item from the ISBE involves payment for student teaching. We anticipate significant challenges with this, the next meeting for CICIP (Continuous Improvement Communities of Practice- ISBE) is December 7th where these items will be reviewed.

3. Parker met with the curricular deans today and this is a gentle reminder that when we make curricular changes to any program with licensure, we must let the ISBE know. For example, if you go from TLCI to TLEE, this must be documented and we are required to keep our records aligned with the state.

Assessment- C. Zack

4. Zack sent out invitations to the next data retreat scheduled for November 30th from 2-4pm. We will talk about spring PEP data and look at institutional level data. The individual program data has been forwarded to all of the Deans.
5. For our next round of PEP data, people will get an email from Zack. Please let us know who we need to correspond with if this is not you. The previous round was just the initial programs and a few of the advanced, now it will include everyone. We need to know who are the new admits from the last year. Next year our office will be able to use the Entitlement Worksheets for the information. We have been promised that as we provide more data, the ISBE will share more data. On the horizon, the ISBE is gathering the PEP data so they can share this with the public in the form of a report card on Illinois educator preparation programs. Data will be presented at program and institutional levels. One thing we advocated was that we need to have access to the data before it is released to the public. We made it very clear that we need to be able to contextualize and interpret the data.

B. Assessment and Accreditation- R. Siegesmund

1. The group has reviewed models of teacher evaluations to achieve a simpler model more aligned with Danielson. The group will have edits for a first reading in 2019.

C. Placements and Partnerships- R. Warren

1. This group has been busy organizing the Student Teacher Orientation. They have created an agenda for the event and reached out to guest speakers. President Freeman will deliver the opening remarks. When considering the ALICE training, the discussion included to get this to students during the first clinical. District U-46 was excited and very receptive to learn our teacher candidates would have knowledge of ALICE and have an ALICE certificate as soon as their early clinical, as many of our partner districts are still not done rolling out these programs.

2. CTPD wants to initiate a discussion about cohorts and programming for bilingual endorsements. J. Parker requests meeting with Warren to discuss details.

D. Curriculum, Policies and Procedures- J. Pokorny (for T. McCann) No Report

E. Ad Hoc- Committee Led Discussion

1. This group was charged with TAP and ACT/SAT move from admission to prior to student teaching. It is still not moot, so we are looking at a plan to track where students are at with the test. This is from a program perspective. We will look in MyNIU in spring and send an email directly to the candidate with a recommendation to take the Longsdale pre-test. This will allow us to cover multiple sources at multiple times to monitor progress of passing the state mandated tests.
2. While programs have changes language in the admissions requirements in catalogs, we need to check the courses. We are having D. Smith (Catalog Editor) review and remove the TAP requirement for admission pieces.
3. There was a discussion about the substitute teaching license which now only requires 60 credit hours for the license. We have ideas that we will send out for general discussion and feedback/ responses soon.

IV. New Business- None

V. Announcements

A. Next meeting date scheduled for Friday, December, 14th , HSC Sky Room 1-3 pm

B. Welcome Student Representative Valerie Velazquez

Motion to adjourn made by P. Fix, seconded by J. Cohen, all in favor. Meeting adjourned to committees 2:44 pm

Respectfully submitted, Rachel Jurs-Lauderdale.