University Committee on Initial Educator Licensure
Approved Minutes
September 18, 2020
Teams Meetings
1:00 – 3:00pm

I. (1:00 pm – 1:45 pm) Sub-committee Meetings

A. Assessment and Accreditation (convened by JE Strid)
   1. Student Teaching Evaluation
      a. Consideration for Streamlining
      b. Chalk and Wire cannot host in current format
      c. Will still be a survey link this term
   2. edTPA
      a. Task Force
      b. Electronic Fillable pdf Forms
      c. Storage Procedure
   3. Other topics as identified by new subcommittee

B. Placement and Partnerships (convened by C D’Alexander)
   1. Verification of Verbiage of Placement and Procedures Policy for each College
   2. Other topics as identified by new subcommittee

C. Curriculum, Policies, and Procedures (convened by E. Kahn)
   1. Content test updates
   2. Student Teachers Also Earning a Salary
   3. Recruitment Discussion with a Focus on Diversity
   4. Other topics as identified by new subcommittee

II. Approval of Agenda 1st McCann, 2nd Fix APPROVED as Amended
   A. Proposed-Add item-James Cohen to speak about events of the week

III. Approval of Minutes from August 28, 2020 1st Gerzel-Short, 2nd McCann APPROVED

IV. Events of the week-James Cohen:
   A. Provided context of Town Hall Meeting
      1. 700 Participants
      2. Powerful Experience
         a. As a white person I read and teach and cerebrally understand, but listening last night and seeing viscerally feeling the pain and frustration and anger and fear of the black student population
         b. We are responding to the violent acts – we are not committing them
         c. We need to be more than just allies – we need to be accomplices
         d. The overwhelming feeling was fear – students are afraid of being on NIU campus
         e. What can we do?
         f. What do we need to do?
         g. How do we address this?
         h. These conversations need to continue no matter how uncomfortable
         i. Sustained Professional Development must continue
         j. Courageous conversations
         k. More impactful than an individual
         l. Unleashing of racism – how to be an Anti-racist
   3. Suggestion-Reinstate UCIEL Ad Hoc Committee addressing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
      a. UCIEL Policies and Procedures

V. Reports
   A. University Office of Educator Licensure and Preparation
1. UOELP/ISBE updates – J. Parker  
   a. Executive Order information  
   b. edTPA waiver letter from the ISBE  
   c. National Standards Transition  
2. Chalk and Wire Onboarding  
   a. Next working session 9/25 for milestone and entitlement worksheet  
3. Clinical Contracts/Agreements Update  
   a. Provided to Placements for verification prior to placement  
   b. If none, request UOELP to send and confirm prior to placement  
4. Assessment update – Antoinette Jones  
5. edTPA update  
   a. Webinars available from Pearson for upcoming options in Spring or Out of State Verifications  
6. Fall Clinicals and Student teaching  
   a. ATLAS Purchase  
7. Virtual Supervision  
   a. Taskforce of interested parties  
   b. Meeting outside of UCIEL  

VI. New Business  
   A. Nominations for Chair Elect for 2020-2021  
      1. Need Names  

VII. Announcements  
   A. Next meeting date scheduled for October 16, 2020, TEAMS meeting 1-3pm  

VIII. Adjournment 1st McCann, 2nd Gerzel-Short APPROVED