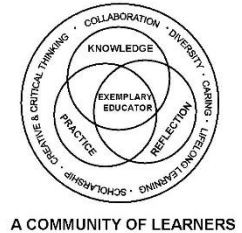


**University Committee on Initial Educator Licensure
Minutes
January 19, 2024
Teams Meeting
1:00 – 3:00pm**



I. Sub-Committee Meetings

- Assessment and Accreditation (P. Fix)
 - a. Content Test Data
 - b. Investigating a New Delivery System for the Safety Tutorial
 - i. Editing/Update Capability
 - ii. Functionality for Service Indicator Population
 - iii. Cost Analysis
- Placements and Partnerships (K. Gross)
 - a. DRC Accommodations Review of Draft Recommend Language
 - b. Evaluation of Student Teacher Orientation
- Curriculum, Policies, and Procedures (L. Gerzel-Short)
 - a. Data Gathering and Position Statement regarding upcoming legislation for Community Colleges being able to entitle
 - i. Accountability/Rigor/Preparedness
 - i. Methodology
 - ii. Rationale from ISBE-Cost and Accessibility-Mileage
 - i. Data for number impacted
 - b. CRTL Standard Review and Compile Matrix Responses from 8 programs; 1st Draft Due October 2024
 - i. Draft Template Discussion
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (C. Taines)
 - a. Transportation Equity
 - b. Interventions for Students in the Field Experiencing issues

II. 1.45 pm Approval of Agenda 1st – J. Cohen; 2nd – R. Warren: **APPROVED**

III. Approval of Minutes from December 8, 2023 1ST – L. Gerzel-Short; 2nd – J. Cohen: **APPROVED with minor corrections**

IV. Reports

A. University Office of Educator Licensure and Preparation

- NIU Selected for ISBE Entitlement Audit for AY 2022-2023
 - a. Response due 2/16/2024 for random sample of 10% of entitlements
 - b. Programs impacted will be emailed 1/22/2024
 - c. Program responses should be returned by 2/2/2024
- edTPA Teacher Performance Replacement Taskforce membership has been decided

- ISBE introduced upcoming Spring Legislation
 - a. Includes support of Community College being able to entitle those with Bachelor Degrees and certain other requirements
 - b. The other requirements have not been defined
 - c. NIU and Provost is working on a possible response-UCIEL Placements Sub-committee is working on a position document
- Content Test Update-Passed before Student Teaching
 - a. ISBE has agreed to allow NIU to accept unofficial scores to begin student teaching only for the Spring 2024 term
 - b. Internal paperwork submission December 15, deadline is on the forms from prior to the proclamation per the form
 - c. Verification is defined as Official Reports are uploaded into ELIS and should be checked prior to the submission of the Entitlement Worksheets
- Spring Semester Workshops begin 2/1/24-Schedule was sent out 12/8/23
- Placement Templates
 - a. Spring Files are uploaded to SharePoint
 - b. Download a copy-Do not type in the template
- Annual Report Reminder
 - a. Data is uploaded in BlackBoard
 - b. Due 2/1/24

B. Assessment and Accreditation – P.Fix

- Content Test Failure Rates/Issues
 - Meetings with other NIU and Community Partners throughout the state
 - ISU Position Letter was discussed
 - Positions Options in discussion to include the with the equity gap issue
 - Reinstatement of Policy to allow candidates to begin Student Teaching without having passed the test
 - Changing of Cut Score
 - Changing the test
 - Committee will review available data from ILTS for NIU
 - Discussion of Spring meeting to include other institution representatives to develop a joint position across institutions/programs state-wide

C. Placements and Partnerships – K. Gross

- Student Teaching Orientation Evaluation-Overall Positive feedback
- Virtual delivery will now always be a backup option
- UCIEL request-May meeting request for programs that have candidates to have a representative Cooperating Teacher Panel
- Would like NIU swag to provide to each candidate to take to their placement

D. Curriculum, Policies, and Procedures – L. Gerzel-Short

- Discussed possible statement regarding ISBE plan for community college entitlement to address the teacher shortage and is gathering additional information

E. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion –C. Taines

- Working on scheduling a meeting

V. New Business

A. MyNIU Options-Permits Vs Milestones-No Update currently

VII. Announcements

A. Next meeting date scheduled for February 16, 2024, via TEAMS meeting 1-3pm

VIII. Adjournment 1st – L. Gerzel-Short; 2nd – J. Cohen **APPROVED**

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