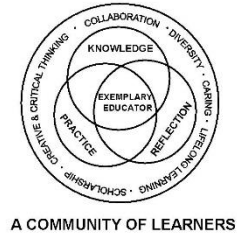


University Committee on Initial Educator Licensure
Minutes
February 16, 2024
Teams Meeting
1:00 – 3:00pm



I. Sub-Committee Meetings

- Assessment and Accreditation (P. Fix)
 - a. Content Test (with DEI committee)
 - i. Spring Meeting Planning
 - ii. Review NIU Data
 - iii. Research Organizations to Contact
- Placements and Partnerships (K. Gross)
 - a. DRC Accommodations Review of Draft Recommend Language
 - b. Investigate Possibility of University Wide Resources/Symposium for CT coaching and mentoring
- Curriculum, Policies, and Procedures (L. Gerzel-Short)
 - a. Data Gathering and 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. Statement Development of Sample Language-Antidiscrimination and antibullying language from NIU for programs to provide to candidates to also include:
 - i. NIU departmental contact for questions/issues
 - ii. Directions to obtain policies at placement locations
 - iii. Include NIU Resource Centers Contacts and Ally Trainings
 - iv. Possibility of instituting a Clinical Orientation and added to the agenda in Student Teaching Orientation to inform candidates
 - b. Transportation Equity
 - c. Interventions for Students in the Field Experiencing issues

II. 1.45 pm Approval of Agenda 1st – Rachel Warren; 2nd John Evar Strid **APPROVED with addition**

III. Approval of Minutes from January 19, 2024 1st – John Evar Strid; 2nd Rachel Warren **APPROVED**

IV. Reports

A. University Office of Educator Licensure and Preparation

- Entitlement Audit Update-Completed and submitted
 - a. ISBE response with findings expected in 45 days
- IEPP Reauthorization have been received and reports will be disseminated to all programs. The public portal is available
- Legislative updates were sent for review
 - a. Possible Student Teaching Stipends subject to appropriations
 - b. Possible Content Test Elimination in certain situations
 - c. Community College Entitling candidates
- ILTS Practice Test Vouchers – Disseminated by UOELP to eligible candidates
 - a. Pearson’s contract expires 6/30/24 – so vouchers expire that date
- Workshop reminders
- Worksheet update; Fall Part II due date is now July 31.
 - Reminder that Annual Reports are due today in BlackBoard. Extension to 2/16/24 due to entitlement audit

B. Assessment and Accreditation – P. Fix

- Discussion of Content Test Equity Gaps
- Spring Virtual Meeting will be held with colleagues from other institutions and advocacy groups for discussion about options other than standardized states; not the elimination but discussion of other pathways to demonstrate proficiency
 - a. Meeting will be 3/28/2024; 2:00-3:00 pm prior to the next SEPLB meeting to develop a coalition
- New Contracts/applications for Content Testing are being reviewed.
 - a. Discussion of Length of Contract and Language regarding responsive changes for issues such as content test scoring
- Content Test Design and Scoring inequity discussion

C. Placements and Partnerships – K. Gross

- Visitors from DRC-Discussion regarding accommodations in clinicals and student teaching; Shared Dispositions for alignment of DRC Letters
- Next month discussion of CLAS model for mentoring cooperating teachers

D. Curriculum, Policies, and Procedures – Betsy Kahn

- Discussion of talking points for Community Colleges offering entitlement; discussed the newly proposed bills provided 2/16/24 to understand the details
- Talking points will focus on the needs these proposals will fill and provide research to show what actions really are effective long term; Points to emphasize also the supports needed to be effective for entitlement
 - a. Access-NIU has programs impacting this in place for delivery at other community colleges; ISBE is using 30 miles as the radius

E. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – Mariah Spencer

- Discussion of developing a statement on bullying at NIU or placements and process/procedures
- Discussion of Liaisons amongst the different cultural centers with ally training for candidates
- Assisting with March Coalition Meeting

- Discussion of transportation equity and research about what other similar institutions are implementing

V. New Business

A. Consideration of a consistent representative as a public attendee to SEPLB

- Bi-monthly meetings-Request for Volunteers from UCIEL to attend and bring information to UCIEL – contact Mike Eads
- Meetings are Public and Agendas are posted to possibly choose which meetings to attend or read minutes; Include announcements of upcoming meetings

B. UCIEL Chair Elect to be Chair beginning Fall 2024

- Asking for Volunteer for remaining of current academic year and chair next academic year-Contact Mike Eads

C. Statement of Resolution for the Content Test for 1st reading 1st Amy Boyles; 2nd Renee Olson

APPROVED

- File disseminated and review prior to 2nd reading
- Comments to be sent to John Evar Strid
- Final Approved File will be sent to interested parties
- University Council and Legislative Liaison stated this is able to be sent from UCIEL

VII. Announcements

A. Next meeting date scheduled for March 22, 2024, via TEAMS meeting 1-3pm

VI. Adjournment 1st Paul Fix; 2nd John Evar Strid **APPROVED**