



JOHN H. LOUNSBURY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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John H. Lounsbury College of Education

Meeting Agenda

10 October 2025 2:00-3:15pm

Kilpatrick 226-227

Attendees: *Jessie Affleck, Cynthia Alby, Jim Berger, Alexandra Berglund, Rachel Bray, Eric Carlyle, Andrea Christoff, Doyin Coker-Kolo, Hiller Crook, Valancia Devereux, Madison Gannon, Christina Gillespie, JW Good, Chris, Diane Gregg, Jane Hinson, Rui Kang, Melissa Martino, Russ Merritt, Nancy Mizelle, Bekir Mugayitoglu, Kim Muschaweck, Olha Osobov, Stacie Pettitt, Joanne Previts, Cheryl Reynolds, Suzanne Roman-Oliver, Robert Sumowski, Natalie Toomey, Janet Turner, Stacy Waller, LaTeshia Warren and Stephen Wills.*

Regrets: *Linda Bradley, Heather Cox, Nicole DeClouette, Miriam Jordan, Lindee Morgan, Mike Newton, Julie Wilson*

No-Show: *Brain Gibbs, Marcie Peck,*

On leave: *Keisha Foston, Chris Greer*

Guest: *Ian Wesselhoff*

2:00 pm -2:15 pm

Welcome, Updates, and Celebrations

- Approve CoE Meeting Minutes
 - Motion made and approved to accept the September 2025 meeting minutes.
- Tenure and Promotion Committee
 - New inclusion: Lecturer → Senior Lecturer promotion track.
 - Assistant Professors are now eligible to vote on promotions.
 - T&P votes for tenure and promotion held in one meeting.
 - Review begins Oct. 27; voting planned for Nov. 11 (with alternate dates).
 - Faculty training and transparency emphasized; materials to be shared by Nov. 7.

- Poll for Assistant Professors to determine participation and availability.
- Assistant/Associate Professors assigned to review 1–3 portfolios.

2:15 pm -2:25 pm Ian Wesselhoff: CoE Communications Advisor

- Introduced as the new Communications Coordinator.
- Manages *Front Page* for university news and stories.
- Encouraged faculty to submit story ideas, announcements, awards, and events for *Front Page* and the *Daily Digest*.
- Team assists with social media, photography, and multimedia storytelling.
- Faculty may contact Ian directly at ian.wesselhoff@gcsu.edu.

Memoriam

- Acknowledged passing of former Dean Ed Holbert (served 1983–2000).
- COE may send condolences.

Senate Updates

- Topics: posting CVs/syllabi, USG's on-campus work hour debate, CPHE discussions.
- USG removed "4.5" minimum score for annual faculty reviews.

Curriculum Committee

- Approved *STEM Essentials* as a permanent three-hour course for Middle Grades MAT students.

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Program Spotlight: Secondary Education

- **Secondary Education Program:** introduced faculty via Kahoot presentation.
- **Double Bobcat Program:** allows undergraduates to take four graduate-level courses, counting toward both bachelor's and MIT degrees.

- The faculty asked to identify common student questions to strengthen advising.

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Professional Learning: Quality Assurance & Continuous Improvement

- Launch of quarterly newsletter *The Connector* by Dr. Doyin and the Assessment Team.
- Purpose: connect programs, standards, and initiatives within the Educator Preparation Provider (EPP).
- Newsletter includes:
 - “Data at a glance” summaries
 - FAQ highlights from surveys
 - Reflections from Dr. Coker-Kolo's first three months
 - Event reminders and reporting templates
- Recognition of “Change Makers” (Middle Grades and Special Education) for timely report submissions.
- Resource links provided for updated 2024 professional standards.
- Next CAEP, PSC, and SPA reports due in 2028; preparation begins now.
- Formation of CAEP/SPA Leadership Team to guide program connections, reports, and communication.
- Faculty asked to sign up for specialty teams (content, clinical practice, progression, completer impact, or quality assurance).
- College will conduct a readiness audit to strengthen the quality assurance system and align data collection processes across departments.

3:10 pm

Closing

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Friday, October 10th: JHL CoE Meeting 2:00 pm in Kilpatrick 226-227

Monday, October 13th: -Tuesday, October 14th: Fall Break (University Open)

Wednesday, October 22nd: EPSC & Teacher Liaison Meeting at 4:00 pm Thursday

October 23rd: Dr. Meg Jay 2:00 pm in Magnolia Ballroom Friday

November 7th: November CoE Meeting Wednesday

November 12th - Friday, November 14th: GACTE Conference in Atlanta Friday

November 14th: Dirty Turkey 12:15 pm -2:15 pm in Kilpatrick Atrium

*"...the truth of the matter is that knowledge really is power. By knowledge, however, I do not mean merely the ability to read, to write, or to count. I mean instead the ability to think and act independently, to manipulate information, to understand, and to articulate one's own thoughts successfully. This requires far more than memorization off acts and filling in bubbles on an answer sheet. As students spend more time and energy on memorization and
bubble-filling, they have less time and energy to learn to think and act as effective citizen
in
a democratic society. We may well create a generation of Trivial Pursuit" or "Jeopardy"
champions who cannot solve real-world problems or make sensible decisions. By doing so, we relinquish not only our power but also our students' control over their own future...we give away the very rights education is supposed to be protecting and perpetuating."*

-James A. Beane