

Department of Teacher Education Minutes

August 15, 2019
12:00pm – 4:00pm

In Attendance:

M. Hiller Crook, Betta Vice, Miriam Jordan, Nancy Mizelle, Carla Hutchings, Rachel Bray, Rob Sumowski, Roddran Grimes, Claire Garrett, Joanne Previts, Stacy Schwartz, Cheryl Anderson, Estelle Jacobs, Lyndall Muschell, Olha Osobov, Rui Kang, Connie Rickenbaker, Nicole DeClouette, Stephen Wills, Patrice Spirou, Bessie Storey, and Desha Williams

Call to Order/Opening Remarks: Dr. Desha Williams

Approval of February Minutes, March Updates, and April Consent Agenda

Motioned: Dr. Joanne Previts

Seconded: Dr. Dr. Lyndall Muschell

Approved

Approval of Consent Agenda

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Seconded: Dr. Lyndall Muschell

Approved

New Faculty Welcome:

Dr. Williams welcomed new faculty members, Mrs. Hillary Crook, Special Education, Dr. Connie Rickenbaker, Foundations and MAT Middle Grades, Dr. Rachel Bray, MAT Secondary, and Dr. Sandra Smith, Special Education (not present)

Kudos:

Dr. Williams presented Dr. Joann Previts with an award for her promotion to full professor.

CAPS & PDBA:

CAPS & PDBA were discussed and faculty members participate in a hands-on work session to learn the assessment tools. An inter-rater reliability study was conducted. Claire will work with our Partner Schools and school liaisons.

Announcements:

Dr. Betta Vice will be retiring after 42 years of teaching. A search committee will be appointed to find her replacement.

Other search committees include an Assistant Professor of Special Education and a Lecturer for Middle Grades and Secondary Education.

Dr. Cynthia Alby will be returning to the department in the 2020-2021 academic year.

The search committee must include: 2 from the department and 1 outside of the department. Please let Dr. Williams know by August 22, 2019 if you are interested in serving on one of these committees. After this date, you will be notified if you are needed.

All candidate, including limited-term lecturers, will be required to come to campus for interviews.

Claudia Meadows became School District Teacher of the year at Bleckley County School. She graduated in May of 2019.

Dr. Nicole DeClouette will be out on sick leave from August 27, through October 9th. She will be having surgery on her back. Upon her return she will be assigned administrative tasks for the remaining of fall semester.

Recruitment:

Future Georgia Educator Fair will be held at Georgia College on March 25th. High School students who are interested in becoming a teaching will be on campus. We need full department support and assistance. We will have breakout sessions. Please consider asking your students to conduct a session. Other sessions will be from Student Life and Admissions. We will also need student volunteers to assist with the college fair, parking, and other aspects of the event. Claire is coordinating. She will be in touch.

Undergraduates serving as Substitute Teacher:

There was a discussion on where undergraduate students should be able to serve as a substitute teacher. There was a motion to not allow undergraduate students to serve as a substitute teacher

Voting:

1st Motion: Dr. Vice

2nd Motion: Dr. Muschell

Approved

Program coordinators:

Faculty will help on the SPA Report. The meeting will be set-up on what needs to be done.

Our Limited term faculty have not been hired:

Drs. Rachel Bray, Justina Jenkins, Simeco Vinson, Connie Rickenbaker, and Lu Wang

Since the faculty have not been hired, they would be listed as Guest Lecturers.

Credit production hours:

Credit production was used to assign fall courses in an effort to create balance and equity in workload. Dr. Williams stated she is open to examining alternative methods. Dr. Williams is also documenting any reassigned time to ensure we can justify our actions if ever called upon.

Travel:

Dr. Williams will be sending the forms out to faculty (\$2000.00). She will let you know if there are any extra funds.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm

Next Meeting September 20, 2019