

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL ON TEACHER EDUCATION

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The Council on Teacher Education met at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, in Room 2444 Buzzard Hall.

Members present: Dr. Cloward, Dr. Havercroft, Dr. Hooser, Dean Jackman, Dr. Lassak, Dr. Laughlin-Schultz, Dr. Mavi, Dr. Okrasinski, Dr. Swenson, Dr. Tadlock-Marlo, and Ms. Shaffer

Staff present: Dr. Bower and Ms. Wilson

I. Minutes

The minutes from the February 28, 2017, meeting were approved.

II. Communication and Information

- 1. B.S. in Career and Technical Education – A draft of the response to the possible elimination/reorganization of the CTE program was presented and discussed. A few minor edits were made. Dr. Swenson moved and Dr. Cloward seconded the motion to accept the revised draft as the official response from the Council. The motion passed unanimously.

The response (see Attachment A) was approved and will be forwarded to the Provost.

III. Items to be Added

None

IV. Items to be Acted Upon

None

V. Teacher Education Update and Executive Director’s Report

- 1. The edTPA submissions for Spring 2017 student teachers are underway. The first results should be received on March 23. The second group of results should be received on April 6.
- 2. The Job Fair was held on March 6. There were 125 school districts in attendance, representing 17 states. There was also a representative from China. Career Services did a wonderful job and our students did great.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Bonnie Wilson, Recorder

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING
Tuesday, March 28, 2017
Room 2444 Buzzard Hall, 2-3:30 p.m.

Agenda:

None at this time.

ATTACHMENT A

Career and Technical Education (CTE-BS)

The Council on Teacher Education does not support the recommendation for program elimination or reorganization for the Career and Technical Education (CTE) degree.

- The CTE program proactively reorganized itself in efforts to be as efficient as possible prior to the Vitalization project. With three faculty, who also teach outside of the CTE program, there is no increase to efficiency in reorganization.
- CTE is central to the founding mission and heritage with research, activity, and service as key components fundamental to the program, just as it was when it was first initiated in 1902.
- Current vitality to the mission includes:
 - As a rigorous and comprehensive program, it is one of only two public university programs in the state of Illinois that focus on all three components (Business, Family and Consumer Sciences, and Technology) within Career and Technical Education.
 - Education has experienced its historical downward cycle for enrollment, however, according to state and national searches, demand for CTE licensed teachers far exceeds the number of graduates and lists the degree as a rising “critical need.” Program elimination at this time restricts EIU from an extremely competitive market in Career and Technical Education.
 - As of March 1, 2017, the United States Department of Education noted CTE as a “critical shortage area for teachers in Illinois.”
 - Because of this designation, students and teachers in Illinois are now eligible for various loan forgiveness and aid opportunities.
 - As a result of these incentives, more students may be drawn to the field.
 - The program is noted by alumni and current students as being highly student-centered, with applied hands-on learning coursework that helps undergraduates become responsible leaders in their communities.
 - Faculty focus on student-faculty scholarship and applied learning experiences through professional development opportunities, grant writing, and certification trainings.
 - Faculty hold leadership positions in professional organizations at both the state and national level.
- CTE continually meets rigorous accreditation standards by national organizations.

Each of these domains relates directly to the centrality and verve of EIU’s mission, thereby compromising the integrity of the university by program deletion.