Members Present: Bricker, Carpenter, Catley, Caudle, Cooper-Duffy, Cordevant, Flood, Foran, Francis-Fallon, Green, Kinner, Lasher, Meltzer, McRae, Mulligan, Nickles, Petrone, Ray, Scales, B. Schade, M. Schade, Schallock, Tapley, Unruh, Winter

I. Dean Dale Carpenter

The Dean welcomed the group and complemented everyone on the work they are doing and putting us in very good positions. Even as we respond to various negative effects on teacher education, there are lots of good things going on like revision of programs to put them online to make them more competitive, more study abroad, the LEAP program, increase in scholarships for students in teacher education, and a positive CAEP accreditation. Although the mix and number of P-12 students in traditional public schools has changed with the creation of more charter and private schools, we still play a major role in preparing educators for those areas. Our Teacher Recruitment Plan and increasing enrollment is key and we are doing well. In the future, we will be talking more about legislative items in the budget, i.e. higher GPAs for teacher education admission and continuation, and year-long internships, etc.

II. Approval of Minutes

The November meeting minutes were approved with a correction to the English department course addition to reflect a difference from the Middle Grade Education course with a similar name, not an Elementary Education course.

III. Update from P-12 Partners - none

IV. Chair’s Report – see VIII. Other below

V. Information

A. Admissions – none
B. Curriculum – Lee Nickles

At Lee’s request, Libby McRae explained that there are approximately 39 course changes that affects the history major bachelor’s, not social science education degree. However, because it is a dual degree program, approval for the changes needs to come through the PEC. It was agreed all courses would be treated as one slate. Motion and second to approve. Motion passed.

C. Appeals – none
D. Policy and Procedures – none

E. Field Experiences – Chená Flood

Chená shared the following OFE news: Monica Miller has been newly hired as Early Field Experience Coordinator and comes to us with 20 years of teaching experience; approximately 170 Intern I and Intern II/ST placements have been made this semester; due dates for Early Field Experience, Internship, and Block applications have been posted; the Social Media theme for Suite 201 will also post due dates; and Career Fair/Professional Development Day will be March 17th.

F. New Teacher Support - Chená Flood

Chená is the New Teacher Support Regional Director for the western area. Counties currently include Jackson, McDowell and Yancey. Two coaches, Tierney Fairchild and Jennifer Beck are providing 1:1 coaching support and districts are seeing value in the program and are pleased with the support. There will be a Beginning Teachers Institute held at WCU on February 13.

G. Assessment - none
H. Technology – none
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I. eTPA – due dates – Lee Nickles

Lee has assumed the interim chair position in Myra Watson’s absence. Due dates for portfolios are March 6 for ELED, MG, and Inclusive Education; March 27 for BK; and April 4 for everyone else. Changes when the switch is made to a new assessment system in the fall will be shared when available.

VI. Old Business

A. Update – Internship Grading Committee – Patricia Bricker

Patricia explained the group will work in teams to move forward and work through various issues in order to build consensus. The committee will meet again in a couple of weeks and the process will be shared during Assessment Day.

VII. New Business

A. Teacher Education System Review Task Force Update – Lee Nickles

Lee has edited the videos to 20 minutes each and would appreciate feedback.

B. Assessment Day Reminders – Kim Winter

 Assessment Day will be held Friday, January 29 from 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM. Michael Maher, Associate Dean of Education at NCSU will speak on Meaningful Assessments. Morning discussions will center on edTPA data and intern assessment while afternoon meetings will be with programs and closing wrap-up conversations. Renee and Kim will be available for questions. Please let Kim know if others should be invited.

C. Online Licensure System – Barb Schade

Barb shared that NCDPI will no longer use paper license applications and has launched a new Online Licensure System that WCU will begin using this spring. This system should decrease the amount of time it takes DPI to process license. Candidates will be able to track the status of their applications online and once issued, print off copies of their licenses free of charge. This system also applies to faculty renewals. It is particularly important if faculty currently hold a methods teaching license that they not let it expire.

VIII. Other

A. TaskStream Clean Up – Lee Nickles

There are still outstanding evaluations and need for clean-up. What do we do with the items not evaluated as we move to a new platform in the fall? What approach should be taken? Lee will check the extent of deficiencies and more discussion will be needed on how to move forward.

B. UNC Teacher Recruitment Plan Updates

1. Teacher Education Recruiter Search: Kim Winter (chair), Dan Grube, Roya Scales, Jenny Stewart, Arts & Sciences, and Fine and Performing Arts. Position will be posted soon. Kim asked that you email her if you are interested in representing A&S and FPA on the search. Ben Francis-Fallon and Andrew Adams have agreed to serve.

2. PrEP (Professional Exam Preparation Task Force) Team: Jenny Stewart (co-chair), Rachel Wike (co-chair), Nathan Borchelt, Cathy Grist, Marissa Ray, Michael Schallock, Dave Strahan, and Kelly Tracy. Goal is to prepare candidates for exams to increase scores on the first try.
   1. Workshop on Advising Day (3/8) – will target Praxis Core
   2. Exam Diagnostics provided to candidates - specifically for those who haven’t yet taken the Foundations of Reading exam
C. Licensure Specialist Search: Renee Corbin (chair), Nancy Luke, Sarah Meltzer, Amanda Chapman, and Steve Wargo. Barb is retiring and her last day will be March 31st. The position description will be posted soon and it is hoped that someone can be in place to have some training before she leaves.

D. Other Events
1. 2/19: Mid-Year Symposium for Beginning Teachers
2. 3/18: Middle School Teachers of Tomorrow
3. 5/6: OPT Ceremony

Bob Mulligan announced that graduate programs will be hosting a Graduate Education Summit on February 4th. The program will be of special interest to all graduate faculty, graduate program directors, department heads, associate deans, and deans. If you have an interest, please talk with Bob after the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Schade
PEC Secretary