Minutes for Professional Education Council

September 13, 2023 from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

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| Frank Forcino (Proxy for Michael Boatright) | Myra Watson (Proxy for Nathan Roth) | Lee Nickles | Jeananne Nichols |
| Brad Witzel (Attending for Tammy Barron- Non-voting) | Luke Manget | Melissa Mecadon-Mann | Machelle Cathey |
| Rachel Wike | C Y Wang | Laura Flores | Jamie Wallen |
| Reah Dingle | Karena Cooper Duffy | Amy Stringer | Eleanor Petrone |
| Melissa Faetz | Ryan Mitchell | Jason Miller | Jennifer Barret-Tatum |
| Kristina Lind | Carrie Rogers | Emily Virtue | Cathy proxy for Nathan Borchelt |
| Joy Howard | Angie Dills represented by Brent Speckhardt | Pam Buskey | Travis Bennet |
| Alysha Floyd | Amanda Chapman | Erin Callahan |  |

1. Welcome and Announcements

a. Myra Watson opened the meeting at 4:02 pm

b. She welcomed the attendees and provided an overview of the mission and purpose of PEC.

c. Everyone provided a brief introduction of who they are and which organizations they represent.

d. public school partners provided a brief announcement of things going on within their counties.

1. Approval of [4.26.23 PEC Minutes.docx](https://catamountwcu-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/mkwatson_wcu_edu/Efo4BkT6O0dHhQD-RgAZGP0BSt5qNUakSkWErUdp-lTOyA?e=mLi7BA)

a. Emily Virtue made a motion to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded, and the motion passed unanimously

1. Dean’s Report

I. Dean Winter was unable to attend, and Myra Watson delivered an overview of the Dean’s Report.

1. DRIVE Task Force Tour Stop at AB Tech – WCU invited to highlight programs such as Call Me MiSTER, STEP, Principal Fellows, LEAF in ECE, LEAP, and NC Promise
2. Equity Summit, Feb. 26-27 – 10 free faculty spots
3. Kim Winter appointed to PEPSC
4. Dr. Heidi Von Dohlen (PI) received notification of additional Principal Fellows grant dollars – 740K
5. CEAP monthly newsletter coming soon!

I. It will be released this Friday.

1. Curriculum

One of PEC’s roles is to approve new professional education courses and programs and revisions of professional education courses and programs. This happens sequentially after the college-level curriculum committee approval. In addition, the PEC Chair/Director of Teacher Ed can approve minor changes and inform PEC. There are no items for PEC vote at this time.

A. Dr. Nickles will share some procedural reminders related to curriculum.

I. Reminders that faculty control the curriculum

II. Ensure that you attend and read the proposals

III. Highly recommend that changes to Teacher Ed Programs are submitted by December

1. Business
   1. Teacher Admissions Dashboard (Dr. Nickles)

I. State Removed the Praxis Core in 2020-2021, and there was an increase in admissions

II. Drop in admissions in 2021-2022 was accounted to people applying to Teacher Ed early.

III. Teacher Ed Admissions have not recovered, and there has been a statewide drop

IV. There are sections that show gender, racial, and program split.

V. Includes numbers of individuals that are in an alternative licensure program.

* 1. For Feedback: [Proposed Advanced Early Release Policy](https://catamountwcu-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/abchapman_wcu_edu/EcrKiG78dUxAgDO8byzEmTIBPlHGIfjw2N3s7xbd275fHg?e=Ym7VbU)

I. Amanda Chapman, presented on the Proposed Advanced Early Release Policy

II. This policy would allow candidates to apply to accept a full-time residency teaching position within the student’s licensure area.

III. They may hire them as long-term substitute teachers

IV. Clarifying Questions:

-When do we want to implement this policy? As soon as possible

- CPAST scores will come from their Intern I placement.

- There are exceptions for certain programs to move schools

- Academic and Field Supervision will continue

-Current policy will also remain in place, in addition to the proposed Advanced Early Release Policy

V. Concerns

- Proficient at Intern I is not the same at the proficient at Intern II

- Suggestion to have a meeting with all parties to outline support and expectations for the intern

- Padlet will be sent out as a slide show for further comments and feedback

1. Meeting was closed by Myra Watson at 5:01 pm
   * 1. [Padlet to record your feedback!](https://padlet.com/mkwatson/thoughts-on-advanced-early-release-policy-n61e6xd372v5bpnr) Or

