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Regional M. Ed. Advisory Committee

Meeting March 29, 2023

10:00-12:00

Minutes

Attendance: Jamey Tobery-Nystrom, Doris Santamaria-Makang, Kris McGee, Jenna Epstein, Curt Baker, Kim Rotruck, Seniz Celimli-Aksoy, Jenn Delaney, Ann Anders, Jarren Jeffery, Jackie St. John, Keena Howell, John Hammel, Miranda Ford, Amy Watson, Teresa Jordan, April Vierra

Minutes:

The meeting started at 10:02 a.m. with introductions and review of the agenda.

Jenn Delaney and Jamey Nystrom reviewed the CAEP letter and report granting accreditation. A brief discussion concerning the one area for improvement (inter-rater reliability systems). Was discussed. The APLC will participate in an Inter-rater reliability activity in May.

Dr. Rotruck joined meeting and brought greetings from the Office of the Dean. Dr. Rotruck thanked all attendees and stressed the importance of the regular meetings (2 times per year) of the Regional M.Ed. Advisory. Dr. Rotruck explained the realignment of the three colleges at FSU.

Dr. Santamaria-Makang brought greetings from the Department of Educational Professions. She reviewed all 2022-2023 Academic/Program changes.

Dr. Nystrom resumed the discussion concerning the four core course in the M.Ed. (EDUC 603; EDUC 606; CUIN 654; Capstone/700). After giving an overview of the courses and explaining that these courses are taken by all M.Ed. candidates, regardless of concentration, the instructors of each course shared findings from the Fall 2022 data analysis.

Dr. Baker described findings from the new rubric for EDUC 603. Grammar is still an issue. Cultural awareness and references are areas of strengths. This is the first time the new rubric was used.

Dr. Nystrom discussed the key assessment (Group Project & Individual Reflection) for EDUC 606. Data indicates that candidates score Effective or Highly Effective in all areas of the rubric. Dr. Nystrom gave an overview of the kinds of group projects

completed and the benefits students are commenting on regarding the focus on collaboration and consensus building.

Dr. Nystrom discussed the key assessment for CUIIN 654 (Three Country Education Comparison). There have been gains in the candidates' ability to use data and analyze research/online information to create presentations. The students have also improved in the area of digital platforms for presentations. Dr. Nystrom also shared an experience in the fall 2020 with students that were uncomfortable learning the issues of Brown vs. the BOE from a presenter. Dr. Nystrom is developing new modules of learning to address this dissonance.

Dr. Nystrom shared the findings from the data analyzed concerning the capstone/700 courses. All concentrations now have addendums that will address specific needs. All students scored at Effective or Highly Effective in all areas. This will be a focus as the new rubric collects data.

A welcomed discussion concerning the measurement and evaluation of "dispositions". FCPS, MCPS, and WCPS all shared areas to focus on as this measure is developed (communication and professional response concerning time and emails). The school counseling KPD tool and the Courageous Conversations document were shared. This will be discussed in the fall 2023 when the APLC adopts a rubric. Ideas concerning how to implement this measure such as goal setting and pre-conferencing were shared by partners. A brief discussion of 21st Century Skills occurred.

Concentration briefs were then given. Dr. Nystrom discussed the move of Special Education into Curriculum and Instruction. Dr. Nystrom shared that the intent of the Special Education concentration is intact. Dr. Nystrom shared that interest in C & I and Interdisciplinary are up. Dr. McGee shared that the Literacy concentration is taking a focus on social justice and literacy to meet the needs of the community. She is also seeing an uptick in admissions. Dr. Baker shared current happenings in the Educational Leadership program. He shared that all rubrics are new based on the 2021 "reconcentration" to NELP standards. Dr. Epstein shared that the PPW certificate has been approved and will be in the fall catalog. She is also adding courses based on need as stated in the Maryland Blue Print. These courses will be for an Advanced School Counseling certificate and may also be taken by students in the PPW certificate.

Dr. Seniz Celimli-Aksoy joined the meeting representing the Ed.D. program. Dr. Aksoy shared current dates for the two cohorts' applications (March 1 and October 1). Cohorts around 18 students are the goal. Dr. Aksoy shared that approximately 10 students will graduate in May 2023. Dr. Aksoy shared the news that the Ed.D. is a CPED finalist.

This closed the regular meeting at 12:02. Concentrations moved into breakout rooms for further discussions.

Tentative Date for Next Meeting: October 18, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

