

UACTE
Spring 2011 Meeting
Thursday, February 17, 2011

Present: Mary Burbank (Education), Inese Ivans (Science), Kelly MacArthur (Science), Andrea Moss (Health), Rachel Nardo (Fine Arts), Rob O'Neill (Education), Becky Owen (Education), Loretta Rudd (Social & Behavioral Science), Erich Petersen (Mines & Earth Science), Johanna Watzinger-Tharp (Humanities)

1. Welcome & Introductions
 - a. A brief reminder of the role of the committee was shared

2. ASUU-UIITE Peer Mentoring Program
 - a. This program has been a success this year, and we will be sending out a recruitment flyer soon, and ask that advisors and faculty share this opportunity with their students. We'd like to see a wide range of applicants for next year, as we had this year.
 - b. The peer mentors work in mainly Salt Lake and Granite Districts in the AVID program.
 - c. Funding is available for 14 students; both undergraduate and graduate students are eligible. Students will be paid \$1,000 for the year, and the cost of the required background check will also be covered.
 - d. Students spend approximately 12 hours a month in schools working with students.

3. ESL Endorsement Updates
 - a. The ESL endorsement is fully integrated into the Elementary and Secondary licensure programs, and is optional for Special Education and Early Childhood.
 - b. Updated course lists were shared, and will be available on the UIITE website soon.
 - c. We plan to offer a summer course covering EDU 5201 and an equivalent to the field practicum requirement.
 - i. This course is aimed at students who completed the licensure program prior to the ESL endorsement being fully integrated.
 - ii. The courses can accommodate approximately 30-40 students.
 - iii. If demand for a summer offering remains, we will continue to offer it.

4. Curriculum Committee Updates
 - a. A list of recent changes, additions, and updates to the College of Education curriculum was shared.

5. USOE Updates
 - a. A mandatory Ethics Review is required for all new teachers. Any student being recommended for their teaching license must complete this review first.
 - b. The USOE announced that some institutions have shown a decline in Praxis II content area test scores.

- i. With the new College of Education data panels in People Soft, it will be easier for us to track patterns over time. We will look for trends within content areas, and share results as appropriate.
 - c. We are continuing to participate in the Novice Teacher Study. Students complete exit surveys to evaluate their perceptions of their teacher education program. Surveys are distributed to alumni and employers as well.
- 6. Other Updates
 - a. The WLMA program is in its second year. This program prepares students to teach in critical language areas. There are approximately 20 students in the program currently.
 - b. The SMART program prepares math teachers. Twelve students comprise the second cohort going through the program currently. Through this program we have quadrupled the number of math educators we are producing at the U of U.
- 7. TEAC Updates
 - a. We are fast approaching our TEAC accreditation visit in April. In preparation of this, we need all UACTE members to review the Inquiry Brief, submit feedback, and approve the document. Please send Becky Owen your feedback/approval as soon as possible.