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Division of Education
Teacher Education Advisory Council Meeting
March 19, 2012
3:30-5:30, B-106

MINUTES

Members Present: TEAC: Shelley Ferrara, Mitzie Higa, Jan Iwase, Marylynn Kalei, Miles Nakanishi, Lynn Okamura, UHWO: Susan Adler, Mary Heller, Jeanne Iorio, Paula Mathis, Julia Myers

Meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm. Welcome and introductions made all around.

Susan A. introduced the Education Division's new Field Experience Coordinator, Dr. Stephanie Kamai, an Education Specialist who will begin work on July 1, 2012. Dr. Kamai is an experienced elementary and middle school educator with local ties to the Waianae coastal area. UHWO's new Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, stopped by for introductions. Dr. Kilpatrick came to us from California State University, Channel Islands.

Jeanne I. provided an update on the Foundations of Education faculty search. As of March 15, the committee had received over 80 applicants.

News From The Field: Mitzie H. commented on HDOE schools' transitioning to the Common Core Standards. K-2 Reading and Math CCS are being implemented in all schools; some schools also opted to implement in grads K-6. There are new HDOE hiring procedures: If an applicant declines three job offers, the applicant will be off the recruitment list for six months.

Middle-Level Secondary Teacher Education Programs. Mary H. updated the council on the status of the ML/SEC English, Science, Math, and Social Studies teacher education programs proposal, which have been in the works since 2008. A recent survey of UHWO students revealed significant interest in becoming a middle level or high school teacher. The programs were formally endorsed by the UH System Council of Chief Academic Officers (CCAO). Before taking the proposal to the Board of Regents, we will need to learn what monies are available from the legislature in support of program implementation in fall 2012.

Fall 2012 Student Teachers. Only two candidates will Student Teach in the fall. The low number of graduates is due to the recent redesign of the program and the "grandfathering in" of candidates who were in the old program. Projections for spring 2012 student teachers is 19.

Clinical Fees. Susan A. asked TEAC members their opinion of assessing candidates a "Clinical Fee," to help defray the cost of paying mentor teachers their honorarium. In general, committee members were undecided as to how best to handle the problem. Mitzie H. suggested that a modest fee would probably be OK. Rick J. commented that financial aid and/or scholarship monies could be applied toward clinical fees. Mary H. pointed out that assessing

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new fees for students in the UH System would need to be approved by the Board of Regents.

TEAC Length of Service. Susan A. asked TEAC members to fill out a survey in which they recommended the preferred length of service, e.g., 2 years, renewable, etc., and whether or not we should have a separate TEAC for Early Childhood Education (ECE) and for Elementary Teacher Education (EDEE).

4:30 pm. TEAC divided into two groups, ECE and EDEE, to discuss issues associated with their respective programs.

No minutes reported by the ECE group, at this writing.

Mary H. reported on the progress made on the Institutional Report due to NCATE on or before June 2, 2012. She shared data from a recent survey of “Employers” (principals) and “Employees” (alumni who are now teaching for the HDOE). Areas of strength, such as candidate preparation in math, and areas in need of improvement, such as communications with parents, were discussed.

Suggestions for improving Teacher Candidate proficiencies working with parents were as follows:

Jan I. Teacher candidates don’t know how to communicate with parents.

Suggestion: Encourage student teachers to participate in parent/teacher conferences; Engage in role-playing scenarios during methods courses; write letters to parents during the Early Field Experience and other methods courses.

Jan I. also brought up the importance of strengthening candidates pedagogical content knowledge in the areas of comprehension, integration of subjects, and differentiation of instruction.

TEAC will meet in fall 2012 on the new campus at Kapolei. Members will be contacted regarding the best day/time to schedule the meeting.

Adjournment: 5:30 pm