

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION COUNCIL
January 11, 2023
12:00-1:30 pm



1. CALL TO ORDER

Attendance: Kristina Falbe (Chair), Sarah Ballard (SED), Kate Peeples (SED), Kim Fisher (SED), Jeongae Kang (SED), Gavin Weiser (EAF), Rudo Tsemunhu (EAF), Erin Quast (TCH), Amanda Quesenberry (TCH), Andy Goveia (Lab Schools), Patrick Amponsah (Student), Dean Francis Godwyll (attended first 5 minutes and last 20 min, see information item bullet point one), Christie Angleton

Not in Attendance: Kristi Sutter (Lab Schools)

Guests: Dakesa Pina, Members of the University Strategic Task Force: Daniel Miller and Chris Roberts [planning research and policy analysis], Ben Wellenreiter

Announcement: Be sure you are keeping up with what is happening in the College of Ed using our COE Communication Hub on Teams.

Two things to be on the lookout for:

- **COE Faculty/Staff Open House-Childrens Museum** Feb. 2nd. 3:30-5:30
- **Metcalf Colloquium-Friday** February 10th. 9 am-3 pm

2. Adoption of the Agenda

- A Goveia- motioned to adopt.
- G Weiser- seconded.
- Approved as distributed.

3. Approval of the minutes from the November 2022 meeting

- Approved by general consent.

4. Information Items

- **Dean Announcement:** Had a meeting conflict and expressed appreciation for Council service and overall contributions of faculty.
- **University Strategic Plan Update (University CEC Committee)**
 - Danielle Miller-Schuester shared the purpose of gathering input from COEC.
 - Part of the process is pre-consultation and post-consultation to get input from faculty on where the University is headed.
 - A survey will go out in early February, encouraging all ISU members to complete it.
 - The goal is to present the strategic plan to the board of trustees in one year.
 - Council responded to the following questions:
 - What is ISU's purpose?
 - What differentiates ISU from other universities?
 - What advantages can we build upon?

- What key trends should we consider in the next 3-5 years?
 - What does ISU need to do to be prepared? (What should ISU start, stop, or continue doing?)
 - What obstacles stand in the way of ISU achieving future success?
 - K Falbe - beginning the next CC meeting, the Council will self-evaluate work we have done in the past to implement the strategic plan and start the process of working with the Dean's office to support the development of the COE strategic plan (alongside the leadership team), which is also due in one year.
 - G Weiser- questioned working on the COE strategic plan before the ISU strategic plan is finalized.
 - G Weiser- inquired if an extension is possible.
 - K Falbe indicated that she would follow up.
 - K Falbe is also serving on the University strategic task force.
 - K Falbe- all curriculum updates will be posted in a report shared with COEC.
- **Curriculum Committee Updates (Ben Wellenreiter)**
 - Meets once a month.
 - The charge is to review proposals for new or revised programs and classes and ensure the proposals are well-polished for curriculum review.
 - Reviewed 17 undergraduate programs (some new, some revised), approved the decoupling of graduate credit in 300-level courses in SED, and program changes in undergraduate and graduate levels in TCH and SED.
 - Currently reviewing policies on how the curriculum is approved.
 - Raised a philosophical issue within the committee and asked the departments what the proposer's academic freedom is and how that works in committee review.
 - Philosophically the committee leans toward academic freedom regarding the content of the syllabus.
 - Currently discussing how committee curriculum members decide to support or not support a particular proposal.
 - They don't want to be a rubber stamp committee but don't want to infringe on academic freedom.
 - Another question regarding COEC and bylaws: The curriculum committee is working the bylaws into their procedures to ensure it is consistent with the bylaws.
 - B Wellenreiter clarified if a vote is needed.
 - K Falbe: Indicated a report back to College Council with the opportunity to ask questions is sufficient versus a vote.
 - R Tsemunhu- clarified the timeline for curriculum approval.
 - B Wellenreiter- the curriculum meeting changed the meeting time earlier in the month to correspond with the College committee for time efficiency.
 - B Wellenreiter -The committee reviews proposals within 4-5 weeks during the academic year once the department curriculum committee and chair sign off the proposal.
 - R Tsemunhu- asked for clarification on the composition of the Curriculum Committee.
 - B Wellenreiter - there are representatives from each department; however, there may be no one on the committee with the specific curriculum expertise (also true at the university level). This is why the department-level review is essential.
 - B Wellenreiter -The committee is working on a document that provides suggestions at all levels to facilitate the curriculum process.

- **Alumni Committee Updates (Molly Davis)**
 - Moved to the next meeting
- **Diversity in Education Committee Updates (Erin Quast)**
 - Moved to the next meeting
- **Tech Committee Update (Kim Fisher)**
 - Moved to the next meeting
- **Bylaws Update (Kristina Falbe)**
 - Bylaws approved through CC.
 - Went to Executive Council and Full Senate.
 - There were some editorial changes as well as additional feedback.
 - The additional feedback edits were not mandatory.
 - K Falbe responded to the questions.
 - K Falbe asked Council to consider moving forward as soon as possible.
 - Proposed moving forward by asking Council to take a day to review and then vote digitally.
 - The next step is a full faculty vote.
 - If passed. The next step is that it will be voted by Senate approval.
 - A Goveia- clarified that there are no content changes or editorial.
 - K Falbe -all her edits were focused on editorial; however, the comments are all in the document. For some comments, a rationale was provided for no change.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. ACTION ITEMS

- Bylaws vote.

7. Dean's Report (Dean Francis Godwyll)

- All the searches across the College are going well.
- Please help publicize the EAF chair position.
- Three instructional designers have been hired.
 - The instructional designers will support faculty in developing online course materials.
- There will be an IT help desk for Studio Teach to make IT more accessible to faculty.
- We are working on strategies to engage, adapt, and innovate in the strategic plan.
 - Our goal is to build our role as the top preparer of teachers.

Discussion

- K Fisher- asked about the instructional designers' expertise in accessibility.
 - Dean Godwyll- they are currently being trained.
- E Quast asked about following up on the University-wide climate surveys.

8. Adjournment

E Quast- motioned

A Quesenberry- seconded at 1:33

NEXT MEETING: February 27, 2023, @12:00 Noon