



Meeting Minutes

Teacher Education Program Advisory Committee (TEAC) Meeting
Tuesday, March 8, 2016
11:00 am – 12:30pm – TEO meeting room

Present: Wendy Carr (Chair/TEO), Shawna Faber (ECPS), Jessica La Rochelle (NITEP), Marianne McTavish (LLED), Claire Rushton (seconded teachers' rep), Sandra Scott (EDCP), John Yamamoto (TEO), Rod Brown (TEO)

Regrets: Tony Clarke (Centre for the Study of Teacher Education), Amy Metcalfe (EDST)

1. Review of Agenda

2. Review of Minutes – February 18, 2016

Some minor edits were made. Revised minutes are attached and will be posted on the website.

3. Update of complaints process in Teacher Ed Program

The committee reviewed the complaints/concerns process, and minor revisions were suggested (please see attached document). TEAC members underscored the importance of addressing a concern directly with the appropriate person (coordinator, instructor, faculty advisor) as a first step in this process. Concerns presented to cohort coordinators should be redirected to the appropriate person as mentioned above.

Action: TEAC representatives will consult with their departments for feedback as will CCASA representatives about these revisions.

4. Elementary & Middle Years cohorts – Update

BEd program applications have significantly increased from the previous year. Wendy is working with departments and school districts to confirm cohorts for next year. The committee was pleased to learn the elementary Indigenous Education cohort is confirmed for 2016/17. Additionally, Middle Years/SRL will return to a full cohort.

5. B.Ed Schedule Options 2017/18

The committee discussed some suggestions to restructure the schedule of the BEd program to allow for a shortened program (please see document attached). TEAC representatives will bring proposed schedule options to departments for consultation.

Action: Based on feedback from TEAC, Jennifer Stewart (TEO) will create timetabling options for 2017/18 for the committee to consider.



6. Inquiry I, II, & III- Secondary Scheduling

In 2016/17, secondary inquiry groups will remain together for all three courses (EDUC 450, 451 and 452). Departments will be asked to provide feedback about preferred subject combinations once registration numbers are confirmed. Then, the TEO will assign secondary teacher candidates to their inquiry sections, according to departmentally-chosen combinations and class size restrictions.

Action: The TEO will consult with departments about possible subject area combinations for secondary inquiry.

7. Psychology as a Teachable – Update

Wendy Carr wrote to the Ministry of Education to determine whether Psychology will be a *bona fide* course in secondary schools in the near future. This was deemed to be an important consideration before offering a new teachable subject.

Action: Wendy Carr and John Yamamoto will continue discussions with the Ministry of Education.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 21, 2:30 – 4:00 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 12:28 pm.