



Meeting Minutes

Teacher Education Program
TEAC – Teacher Education Advisory Committee
Thursday, April 20, 2017
3:30-4:30 pm – TEO meeting room

Attendees: Wendy Carr (Chair/TEO), Shawna Faber (ECPS), Carl Leggo (LLED), Jason Ellis (EDST), Claire Rushton (TEO), Sandra Scott (EDCP)

Regrets: Tony Clarke, Denis Smajlovick (BEd graduate),

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes from February 22, 2017
3. Rotation & retirement of elementary/middle years cohorts

The committee reviewed the guidelines for cohorts:

<http://teach.educ.ubc.ca/faculty/committees/elem-my-cohort-guidelines-201409/> and discussed some options to renew/retire some of them since there has been one approved new cohort and two others pending but no space for them in the coming year. Suggestions included merging two smaller cohorts and rotating some cohorts in alternative years; however, in the latter, it could break continuity in district programs/relationships. The committee discussed enhancing the language in the guidelines relative to rotation/renewal:

- Congruence with district has changed and/or other goals have been identified,
- Shift in school district and/or Ministry of Education priorities,
- Lack of professional learning opportunities related to the cohort theme happening in practicum districts,
- Lack of availability of course instructors whose background aligns with cohort theme,
- Lack of regular team meetings for instructors in the cohort,
- Absence of tenure-track faculty involvement in the cohort.

Based on these conditions, the committee recommended that some elementary cohorts be merged or rotated/retired in 2018-19 so that new ones (already approved and/or pending) may enter the rotation.

4. Admissions numbers (Secondary teachable subjects)

Wendy updated TEAC on the projection secondary subject area enrollment numbers for 2017/18.

Next meeting date: Thursday, May 25, 2017, 3:00pm-4:30pm