Meeting Minutes

Teacher Education Program
TEAC – Teacher Education Advisory Committee
Thursday, October 25, 2018
TEO meeting room

Attendees: Marianne McTavish (Chair/TEO), Cynthia Nichol (EDCP), Maureen Kendrick (LLED), Judith Walker (EDST), Tony Clarke (Centre for Study of Teacher Education), Jan Hare (NITEP), Claire Rushton (TEO), Surita Jhangiani (ECPS HDLC)

1. Approval of Agenda

2. Approval of previous minutes - September 27, 2018.

3. External Review - Marianne McTavish

TEAC representatives gave a brief summary of what has been discussed in departments as a response to the Teacher Education Program (TEP) External Review. Marianne reported that the NITEP External Review report has just been delivered to Jan Hare and the Dean and there are overlapping areas between the TEP and NITEP. TEO and NITEP will work together to design a consultation process for engaging departments and other stakeholders in dialogue with the two reviews. TEAC is one place where we can respond to the review. Marianne asked for feedback on how to move ahead with the process of consultation of the review. Committee members will continue to gather ideas from their departments.

4. NITEP Review and Update - Jan Hare

NITEP will be delivering the certification year in the Cariboo and Bella Coola field sites. NITEP is seeking input from TEAC about a blended model of delivery through which this certification year could be delivered. Coursework would be adapted with an Indigenous perspective with respect to place and land. EDUC 440 would keep the same goals but would be delivered with a perspective suited to Indigenous teacher candidates. Jan asked for input about which courses could be delivered or adapted with an Indigenous perspective, primarily in the Elementary/Middle Years. Indigenous educators would work with course instructors to support the development of curriculum.

Nicola Valley Institute of Technology (NVIT) and UBC are looking at ways to put together a joint program of studies.

5. Centre for Accessibility - Marianne McTavish
Marianne updated the committee members on the number of teacher candidates who require learning support or accommodations from the Center for Accessibility. Kathy Heikkila (ECPS) will be providing support for referred or self-referred teacher candidates. Students should contact coordinators Bette Shippam or Lorrie Miller to discuss their needs and a referral if necessary.

6. **Celebrating Student Success – Marianne McTavish**

Former Bachelor of Education students, Mayme Tagart (Prime Minister’s Award winner) and Kenton Borne (designer of Abbotsford Cultural Competency course) were profiled for innovative work they are doing in their school districts.

7. **Westcast – Marianne McTavish**

The Western Canadian Association for Student Teaching (Westcast) conference will be held on February 20-22, 2019 at the University of Calgary. Proposal deadline is November 10th. Two NITEP students are putting forward proposals.

8. **Other business**

Next Meeting: November 15, 2018.