Meeting Minutes

Teacher Education Program
TEAC – Teacher Education Advisory Committee
Thursday, September 19, 2019
TEO meeting room
2:30-4:00 p.m.

Attendees: Marianne McTavish (Chair/TEO), Shawna Faber (ECPS), Claire Rushton (TEO), Cynthia Nicol (EDCP), Kedrick James (LLED), Judith Walker (EDST), Jan Hare (NITEP), Anthony Clarke (Centre for Study of Teacher Education)

1. Approval of Agenda

   The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. Approval of previous minutes – June 27, 2019

   The minutes were approved with minor updates.

3. Items for information

   ▪ Follow up EDCP methods course move from Term 2 to Term 1 2020/2021

   One EDCP course will be moved to Winter Term 1 from Winter Term 2 in 2020/2021 to even out the credit and workload for elementary/middle years teacher candidates over the two terms. This change will be implemented in the calendar for the next academic year.

   ▪ Teacher Candidate Orientation

   In general, the teacher candidate orientation was a success and received positive feedback. The keynote was well received.

   It was suggested that next year, the full teacher candidate orientation could be followed the next day by the cohort orientation for the elementary/middle years teacher candidates.

   On the same day, for secondary teacher candidates, the possibility of starting a full day of EDUC 440 with some land-based activities, critical pedagogy work, walking tours, experiential learning, and decolonizing work was discussed. Credit value for this day needs to be further discussed. It has to be taken into consideration that the IB orientation starts on the Monday and runs for 4 days.
Student Numbers

There are total of 737 students enrolled including NITEP, WKTEP, Dual Degrees, and Teacher Updaters, with 313 for elementary level, 36 for middle years, and 388 for secondary level. The maximum allowed in the program for next year set by the Vice-Provost, Enrolment, is 740.

4. Revisit TEAC Terms of Reference

A discussion around the terms of reference was had. Several changes were suggested to the Terms of Reference. See document for proposed changes.

5. Timing of Secondary Practicum

The proposal of moving the secondary practicum three weeks later in the term as well as other possible course positioning and offerings (e.g., EDUC 440 as a variable credit) was discussed at length. There will be a follow up meeting on September 23, to discuss the proposals further.

6. Other business

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 17, 2:30 – 4:00 pm