



Meeting Minutes

Teacher Education Program
TEAC - Teacher Education Advisory Committee
Monday, November 29, 2021
Virtual meeting
2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Attendees: Marianne McTavish (Chair/TEO), John Yamamoto (TEO), Shawna Faber (ECPS), Cynthia Nicol (EDCP), Kedrick James (LLED), Margaret Kovach (NITEP), Anne Phelan (Centre for Study of Teacher Education), Jason Ellis (EDST), Wendy Klassen (OSE)

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. Approval of previous minutes - October 25, 2021

The minutes were approved with minor updates.

3. Office of Indigenous Education Updates

Dr. Kovach updated the committee that it has been a busy year for the Office of Indigenous Education. The Master of Education in Indigenous Education program has been approved. The Office of Indigenous Education has been working on the MEd program website and taking applications. The goal is to take in a cohort of 18 students. There are currently 75 expressions of interest. The Office of Indigenous Education will partner with three departments to work on the admission files.

This year's in-person convocation went well, with the opportunity to see NITEP and master students graduate.

The search for the Associate Professor/ NITEP Director has been concluded. Depending on the hiring process, this person may be joining this committee in January.

The faculty advisors and instructors in the Bella Coola field centre will hopefully be hired before Christmas.

The graduation ceremony for NITEP and the Cariboo cohort will be held on Monday, November 29.



The Office of Indigenous Education will be relocating to Ponderosa Annex F.

4. Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference has been discussed and updated during the meeting. It will be reviewed at the next meeting.

5. Review of Absences Procedure

The number of student absences this year is higher than usual due to several factors including COVID, student accommodations, severe weather conditions, flu season, gas shortages, etc. If a student feels ill but can zoom in for classes, they are still required to fill in an absence form. The program is a face-to-face program and is expected to be delivered face-to-face. As we are regulated by the BC Teachers' Council, a proposal will be required to deliver the program online. There are special cases where instructors deliver classes online due to accommodations for health reasons.

Each time a student files an absence report, it is recorded. When a significant amount of absences occurs, an interim report can be issued. Bette and Keith can help the instructors navigate this. Letters of accommodation must be taken into consideration.

There is language in the academic calendar regarding expectations for the professional conduct of teacher candidates, including policies on attendance and percentages of marks that can be attributed to participation.

The topic of absences will be discussed at the next TEAC meeting.

6. Program Renewal Discussion

Department reports in response to the TEO external review report in 2018 have been revisited as we begin the program renewal discussion. An idea of bringing up a pilot program to address programmatic issues such as program intensity, hybridity or instructors' flexibility was discussed.

An invitation to the faculty on submitting pilot program proposals was discussed. This committee will continue to discuss the invitation process and the parameters for future proposals.

7. Cohorts for 2021/2022

The cohorts for 2021/2022 will be discussed at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: to be scheduled