Meeting Minutes

TEAC – Teacher Education Advisory Committee
Thursday, November 24, 2022
Teacher Education Office - Room T101.
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Attendees: Karen Ragoonaden (Chair, TEO), Surita Jhangiani (ECPS), Melanie Wong (LLED), Kyle Hamilton (OSE), Cynthia Nicol (EDCP), Naomi Narcisse (NITEP), John Yamamoto (TEO)

Regrets: Hartej Gill (EDST), Maddy Angus (Recorder)

1. Welcome
2. Land Acknowledgement – Karen Ragoonaden
3. Approval of agenda
   The agenda was approved as circulated.
4. Review of meeting minutes from October 27, 2022
   The October 27, 2022 minutes were approved as circulated
5. Business Arising from minutes
   • TEAC Terms of Reference have been approved and will be updated on the website
   • Question regarding future scheduling of TEAC meetings
6. Office of Indigenous Education Updates
   • Recognizing the BEd awards ceremony this week; 185+ people participating, great turnout, lots of NITEP representation, especially guest speaker Bailey Johnson
   • Alexis noted that the information session (to secondary students) in the northern BC Centre in Prince George was well attended with about 50-60 students
   • There is interest in (Indigenous) language learners to use 30 credits of Language Diploma to ladder into a Teacher Education program – the interest is to look at new and/or different pathways for [additional] accreditation for these individuals
   • The Senior Advisor Indigenous, the Office of Indigenous Education and TEO will be meeting with the TQS to discuss this issue
   • Checked in with Holly Poell in Bella Coola; students just completed their 2-week practicum and are pushing through their program
   • 2 students from Bella Coola coming down to Vancouver this week for the make-up graduation ceremonies
7. **Teacher Education Office Updates**
   - Maintenance Review completed this week
     - incredibly busy schedule for this review
     - Conversations were held and overall the PAT committee seemed to have a positive reaction
   - Looking into internal conversations about possible revisions and/or changes to the existing Teacher Education Program
     - using past reviews and structured dialogues as a general guide
   - Meetings with EDCP and EDST to discuss changes in secondary models: History and Music

8. **Department Updates**
   - **Educational and Counselling Psychology, and Special Education (ECPS)**
     - No updates
   - **Language & Literacy Education (LLED)**
     - Met with LLED 351 instructor team, getting ready for Term 2
   - **Department of Curriculum & Pedagogy (EDCP)**
     - No major updates
       - Graduation was very enjoyable
       - Working hard on potential changes to the program
       - Currently working on course confirmation for IRP
   - **Department of Educational Studies (EDST)**
     - No report (Hartej not available)
   - **Okanagan School of Education (OSE)**
     - Still working with NITEP on getting a pathway for students to get admitted to the BEd at OSE
     - NITEP 90 credits; OSE requires 120 credits
     - The proposal is prepared and ready for Senate, and will hopefully be submitted next week
     - BCTC structured dialogue on November 25, 2022
     - BC TEP Field/Practicum coordinators met on November 24 – one issue that came up was teacher candidates continuing to be used by districts as TOCs; demand/pressure is incredible, but this cannot continue to be done

9. **Review of TEAC minutes 2021-2022**
   - Discussions about pilot programming –
   - need to be flexible with how the current TEP is offered, so that creativity can be welcomed and pilots can be attempted
• John will be meeting with Scott Goble (Music) and Andrea Webb/Lindsay Gibson (SS) to discuss possible changes/ revisions in the secondary program
• need passionate people who are willing to be creative
• Need a structure for how to propose and/or implement possible changes to the existing TEP
• Smaller scale changes (‘tweaks’) to start, which will avoid the need to go through CCASA/Senate, with CAT 1 and/or CAT 2 changes

10. New Business
    • Online courses; 6-9 credits (Melanie)
      o Is there a possibility of offering online courses in the summer term
      o It is difficult for many reasons for students to come back in the summer
      o It might be a good opportunity for UBC to offer this type of option
    • The recent decision to allow VIU some online coursework may have some bearing on whether the BCTC would be amenable to this possibility
    • Need to put together a proposal to the BCTC for permission to do this, with an explicit rationale as to why this should be permitted

11. Adjournment
    • Meeting adjourned at 2:11 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 19, 2022, @ 11:00 am – 12:30 pm