Meeting Minutes

TEAC – Teacher Education Advisory Committee
Thursday, March 16, 2023
Teacher Education Office – Hybrid Room T101 & Zoom
11:00 a.m. -1 2:30 p.m.

Attendees: Karen Ragoonaden, John Yamamoto, Scott Goble, Melanie Wong, Naomi Narcisse, Akshita Dhaka (recorder)

Regrets: Hartej Gill, Surita Jhangiani, OSE Representative

1. Welcome
2. Land Acknowledgement – Karen Ragoonaden
3. Approval of agenda
   Approved as presented
4. Review of meeting minutes from January 19th, 2023
   Approved as presented
5. Business Arising from minutes
   - BEd Program Updating
     - BEd Course Distribution
       - Well underway for 2023-24
       - Please consult with Jennifer Stewart if changes are needed or desired
       - John will be working with admin manager for instructor hiring as we head for September
     - Cohorts for 2023-24
       - Will be running with same slate of cohorts for 2023-24
       - Time to start considering potential changes – additions/removals, etc. – for 2024-25
       - Four current half-cohorts (IB/ABC/Indigenous/Outdoor) which may be considered for expansion
     - Based on the application numbers from the past few years, there may be a possibility that the elementary program gets expanded in 2024-25, as the secondary program appears to have less room to grow or even maintain current numbers (without relying inordinately on ‘non-need’ subject areas such as SS and English)
• Discussed the various issues surrounding course and cohort coordinator credits moving forward

• Melanie inquired about the process of discussion with school districts, and how much they are involved in being associated with specific cohorts
  o Will connect with Rod about this shortly
  o Will look into more formal connections with districts about their needs and hopes

• Karen is looking into suggested participants and ideas for the upcoming Associate Dean Advisory Committee meeting – scheduled for May, most likely

6. Office of Indigenous Education Updates

• Returning to data presented by Program Managers this week; exciting to think of potential initiatives that might be possible for Indigenous students

• Considering best practices for recruitment and retention, how to set our students up to be successful, how to best support students with the shift happening in the community

• Continuing to move forward with the Northern field center (Lake Babine), and another possible field center in conjunction with CNC in Prince George

• Continuing to support the current Bella Coola cohort – arranging the year-end celebration for August 8, everyone is welcome! Students are also looking into coming to UBC/Vancouver to celebrate their graduation in November

7. Teacher Education Office Updates

• Final report from the Program Assessment Team, BCTC
  o Program fully accepted
  o Document attached to minutes
    ▪ Is there going to be further dialogue regarding suggestions for improvement/concerns?
    ▪ These concerns can be initiated both by the BCTC as well as from within UBC FoE
    ▪ Should we follow up internally to discuss issues of concern?
  o Structured Dialogue scheduled for 2024
  o Rod Brown going on a 6-month extended leave at the end of March – Greta Bartsch coming in to fill in as Program Manager

• Orientation 2023
  o Planning is currently underway
  o May be extending welcome to entire Faculty, not just those involved directly with the Teacher Education program
  o Hoping for a more interactive agenda for all orientations
  o Overall schedule/tentative agenda to be shared at next TEAC meeting
8. Department Updates
   - Educational and Counselling Psychology, and Special Education (ECPS)
     o No report – Surita not available
   - Language & Literacy Education (LLED)
     o Just finished Term 2 – everything seemed to go well!
     o Initial changes for 2023-24 being discussed/explored
     o Students excited for practicum!
   - Department of Curriculum & Pedagogy (EDCP)
     o Self-study review ongoing, reviewers coming in June
     o Concerns raised over lack of discussion/follow-up related to
departmental feedback – negative effects on overall department
morale
     o Will bring this up again with Karen moving forward
   - Department of Educational Studies (EDST)
     o No report – Hartej not available
   - Okanagan School of Education (OSE)
     o No report – representative not available

9. New Business
   - Research Protocols for BEd
     o Bringing forward to Dean for consultation
   - Course name change update
     o LLED 352 (2) Learning, Teaching, and Reclaiming Languages changing
to: LLED 352 (2) Teaching and Learning French as a Second Language
in Multilingual Settings: Elementary
     o EDUC 342: Teaching First Nations Languages in Elementary Schools is
a potential course to be added on top of LLED 352 or in lieu of it
     o Lots of exciting possibilities have been discussed
       (John/Graham/Naomi/Alexis) regarding the new LLED 352 course as
well as EDUC 342
       ▪ Standalone course
       ▪ Integrated module (Indigenous languages) for all sections for
LLED 352

10. Adjournment: 12:27 PM

Next Meeting: Thursday April 20th, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm