Meeting Minutes

TEAC – Teacher Education Advisory Committee
Wednesday November 15, 2023
Teacher Education Office – Hybrid Room T101 & Zoom
11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Attendees: Karen Ragoonaden (TEO), John Yamamoto (TEO), Melanie Wong (LLED), Jason Ellis (EDST), Wendy Klassen (UBCO), Nicol Cynthia (EDCP), Shawna Faber (ECPS), Najmeh Bahrami

1. **Welcome**- Karen Ragoonaden
2. **Land Acknowledgement**- Karen Ragoonaden
3. **Approval of agenda**- Approved
4. **Review of meeting minutes from September 20, 2023**- Approved
   - Suggest providing draft minutes to departments before the next meeting for early review.
5. **Business Arising from minutes**
   - Remove *membership from the Center for the Study of Teacher Education* from TEAC Terms of Reference
     - The new version on page 2 reflects the removal of membership.
     - The agreement from all members to proceed with the removal is implied.
     - There is a plan to fix the formatting and update the website with the new version.
     - The revised version is dated November 2023.
   - **Additions to Exit Survey**
     - Identified strengths and areas for improvement in the current system.
     - Discussed potential solutions to streamline scheduling processes.
     - Noted that many coordinators are seconded or sessional, with a significant number being FAs (faculty advisors).
     - Explored the possibility of a common syllabus for course coordinators to avoid overlaps.
     - Consider curriculum mapping for better decision-making.
     - Propose a pre-survey to address overwhelmed TCs and repetition issues.
     - Use a canvas shell for instructors to share syllabi.
Encourage internal department meetings with course coordinators for a more transparent process aiming to present outcomes at the TEAC meeting for a unified resolution on addressing repetition concerns.

- **Antiracist Education**
  - The BC K-12 antiracist education Summit itself is seen as an antiracist initiative.
  - Attendees left feeling heard and positive about the acknowledgment of their experiences.
  - Highlighted the need for explicit statements on what antiracist education entails.
  - Emphasized the impactful nature of TCs learning about anti-racism through real experiences.
  - Stressed the importance of connecting theoretical knowledge with lived experiences.

- **Research Protocols for BEd**

6. **Internationally Educated Teachers**
   - The revised certificate standard document is attached to the meeting invite for review.
   - Conditional certification for internationally educated teachers was introduced.
   - Two options for teachers: 1) 15 months of full-time teaching experience under supervision or 2) taking three additional courses.
   - Discussions have taken place with TRB and BCTC members regarding changes in the certification process.
   - It was suggested that academic courses should be under EDST 523B.
   - The non-credit course pilot term for 2023 has been offered, and 2-3 sections will be offered in April.
   - A suggestion was made to discuss the non-credit courses with the Associate Dean of Academic, Graduate, and Innovation.

7. **Attendance Policy for Bachelor of Education**

8. **Office of Indigenous Education Updates**

9. **Teacher Education Office Updates**
   - Proposal for Blended Teaching and Learning submitted to Teacher Education Approval and Framework Committee (TEPARC)

10. **Department Updates**
    - Educational and Counselling Psychology, and Special Education (ECPS)
11. **New Business**
   - Proposal to schedule future meetings for 90 minutes

12. **Adjournment**
   - The meeting was adjourned at 12:01

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, January 17, 2024