

Teacher Education Council Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2023

Attendance: Alexandra Allen, Rosemary Arioli, Shannon Budin, Theresa Cinotti, Gliset Colon, Judy Davis, Pixita del Prado Hill, Kathy Doody, Wynn Fisher, Tiffany Fuzak, Keli Garas-York, Denise Harris, Judith Harris, David Henry, Julie Henry, Brandon Kawa, Dan MacIsaac, James Maloney, Candace Masters, P. Rudy Mattai, Kristen Pastore-Capuana, Wendy Paterson, Lisa Rafferty, Patty Recchio, Jen Reichenberg, Raquel Schmidt, Dana Serure, Alice Villaseñor, Dave Wilson, Kathy Wood, Joe Zawicki

- I. Call to order 12:03pm
- II. Approval of April minutes – Judi Davis motioned, Julie seconded, all in favor
- III. Suggested changes to bi-laws
 - A. Change *College* to *University* throughout: Julie motioned for approval, Joe seconded, all in favor, one abstention
 - B. Move the Science Ed TEC representative seat from the School of Arts & Sciences to the School of Education (currently, the Bylaws indicate that A&S holds 6 TEC seats, reflecting 6 programs, but A&S now houses 5 programs; the SOE's TEC seats should accordingly increase by 1; this was not done when the Science Ed program relocated Schools); Julie motion for approval, Judi Davis seconded, all in favor, no abstentions
 - C. The bi-laws state that there are 3 standing committees; however, 4 are mentioned under that heading in the bi-laws (*Assessment and Accreditation*, *Field/Clinical Experience*, *Faculty Development*, and *Recruitment and Retention*); currently, *Professional Development* is not in place as a standing committee; Shannon added a discussion point (professional development work is being subsumed by TEUPAC (PDS)); the question was posed whether or not to revive the *PD* committee or keep its duties as part of TEUPAC (PDS); Julie proposed not reviving the separate *PD* committee; Julie motioned to approve, Joe seconded, all in favor
- IV. TEC secretary position – proposal to “round-robin” minutes so that each department representative will take minutes once during the TEC year; if a representative is absent during their assigned date, they must send a representative in their place to take the minutes
 - A. Discussion: Julie noted concern; Judy D., indicated that she felt she couldn't keep up with the level of minutes; Terri noted that a template would be provided, along with PowerPoints that could be referenced in the minutes
 - B. Joe motioned for “round-robin” minute taking, Lisa Rafferty seconded, all in favor, Julie Henry abstained
- V. TEC Elections
 - A. Chair is Joe Zawicki (previously vice chair; therefore to assume role)
 - B. Lisa Brosnick – nominated for vice chair
 - C. Dana Serure – nominated for secretary
 - D. Terri Cinotti – nominated for at large member
 - E. Judy motioned to accept the committee nominations by acclamation, Kathy seconded, all in favor, no abstentions
- VI. Lightning Round: Civic & Community Engagement ([see PowerPoint Slides](#))
Dr. Alice Villaseñor, CCE Associate Director

Click here for the PowerPoint slides/notes
- VII. Additional Presentation: *Education Pathways Academy: Reflections from Year 1* (**see handout**)
Anthony Lleras, Instructor

with students: Loic Fisher, Jake Gatti, Braden Yiengst, Lauren Knight, Emily Gollwitzer, Lucy Buttino, and Abby Toomey

- A. Students shared their experiences participating in this program.
- B. Students reported learning about topics such as: teacher burn out, classroom strategies, school shooters, conferences, multiculturalism, theory of multiple intelligences, humans first, reading books by authors of different genders, races, cultures, looking at history and perspectives, praising publicly, disciplining privately
- C. Next year, double digit enrollment, continued fundraising, new district partners (Lake Shore, Akron, Cheektowaga, Frontier, Williamsville)

VIII. TEC Committee Reports

- A. Assessment and Accreditation (Shannon Budin) – [See PowerPoint Slides](#)
 - i. Committee
 - 1. Dana Serure, chair, Social Stud Ed
 - 2. Jane Cushman, Math Ed
 - 3. Crystal Elias, EELEL
 - 4. Tiffany Fuzak, IE
 - 5. Alice Pennisi, Art Ed
 - 6. Seve Macho, CTE
 - ii. Updates and reminders
 - 1. TPA Pilot Ending; Feedback Session: May 24 1pm, KH 211
 - 2. TPA Full Implementation Required; Fall 2023; All initial prep programs
 - 3. August 29, 12:15, TPA Calibration Session
 - iii. Action Plans
 - 1. 96 “not started” or “in progress”
 - 2. Will send out & ask for brief updates by May 30
 - iv. Pausing data share until fall
 - v. Reminder to do Taskstream assessments
- B. Field/Clinical Experiences (Rosemary Arioli)
 - i. Seeing drop in enrollment and in applicants for student teaching
 - ii. Good time to look at new TPA and determine if changes need to be made.
- C. Recruitment and Retention (Kathy Wood)
 - i. Be a Bengal Be a Teacher: 104 attended, Rochester East, McKinley, NF, Ken-East,
 - 1. CAC – hot table
 - 2. Positive feedback
 - 3. Going forward, will set a date early and let schools know
 - 4. Drew Kahn also presented
 - ii. BPS Teacher aid and teacher assistant event
 - iii. Looking at numbers related to retention of students of color
- D. IGPE (Brandon Kawa)
 - i. Working on an MOU with the American School of Jeddah in Saudi Arabia for our degree program, and they have also submitted syllabi to be considered for dual credit opportunities
 - ii. IGPE has 8 grads and a total of 21 guests traveling to Buffalo from Qatar and Colombia next week to participate in commencement in-person; many of them will arrive on the 17th and 18th and will be on campus until the 21st; IGPE is having a celebration for them in the Science and Math Complex on the 19th at 5:00pm; food

and beverages will be served; if anyone is interested in joining to meet our grads and learn more about international schools, they are more than welcome

- iii. In less than two weeks IGPE's [IPDS Germany](#) program will welcome to Buffalo our 5th exchange cohort from our partner university in Nürtingen; this group of 7 teacher candidates and 2 program leaders will live with host families and partner with area teachers; new to this year's visit is the development of an "education exchange" on May 25 at 10 AM in Bacon 217; the German students will provide a presentation about the education system, schools, and teaching in Germany and SOE faculty and students will provide the same overview of education in the U.S.; the presentations will be followed by an informal discussion for all; anyone interested is invited to join

IX. Certification Office Update (Patty Recchio)

- A. Find Your Path Back to Teaching (FYPBTT) event was held in collaboration with the Graduate Open House on May 3; seemed very successful; approximately 75 people attended; of those, almost half were interested in the FYPBTT initiative
- B. Job offers: if student already has a job offer, they may request an expedited review by contacting the teacher certification office

X. TEUPAC Update (Keli Garas-York)

- A. Thank you to the entire Teacher Education Unit for supporting PDS this academic year; TEUPAC's final PDS meeting for the semester at GiGi's was fabulous; thanks to Kathy Doody for letting TEUPAC know about this incredible organization for individuals with Down Syndrome
- B. Thanks for your help and attendance at the Jason Reynold's event on May 1, 2022; the video of his talk will be available on the Buffalo State PDS website until May 15, 2023
- C. TEUPAC is still looking for a few more PDS Student Representatives; please let Keli know if you have a student who is early in their program and interested, and Kelly will contact them
- D. Proposals to present at the PDS Conference on 9/29/23 are due on June 1, 2023
- E. The next TEUPAC (advisory board) meeting is on Zoom on July 27, 2023, at 10:00 AM; you can email Keli at garasyka@buffalostate.edu for the link; all are welcome

XI. Unit Head Report (Wendy Paterson) grateful to be part of the Education Program at Buffalo State. Wendy thanked the Unit for their work. Wendy further announced: Amitra Wall was appointed to the 5/14 Commission to establish a lasting memorial for the victims of the Tops tragedy.

XII. Old Business - none

XIII. New Business - none

XIV. Announcements - none

XV. Adjournment (1:35) Joe motioned for adjournment, Dave seconded, all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa M. Cinotti