

**Teacher Education Council Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2021**

In attendance:

Rosemary Arioli, Shannon Budin, Theresa Cinotti, Gliset Colon, Judith Davis, Kathy Doody, Wynnie Fisher, Tiffany Fuzak, Jill Gradwell, Judi Harris, Julie Henry, Dave Henry, Brandon Kawa, Steve Macho, Jim Maloney, Candace Masters, Nyandusi Nyachae, Kristen Pastore-Capuana, Wendy Paterson, Kerry Renzoni, Jennifer Reichenberg, Raquel Schmidt, Dave Wilson, Mary Wolf, Kathy Wood, Joseph Zawicki

- I. Call to order 1:03pm
- II. Approval of May minutes – approved (Joe and Dave)
- III. Welcome to the new Associate Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences
 - A. Welcome to Kelly Frothingham
 - B. 22 years at Buffalo State first in School of Natural Sciences
 - C. Noted that the School of Arts and Sciences supports all education programs within the school and is working closely with Dean Paterson
- IV. Additional note – considering moving to a Zoom appropriate room
 - A. About 17 members indicated that they would participate in person; Dean’s conference room can accommodate
 - B. Others to participate via Zoom
- V. TEC Committee Reports
 - A. Assessment and Accreditation (Shannon Budin)
 - i. 3/13-3/15/21 – CAEP Site Visit
 - ii. Focus groups – meetings and get-togethers with the accreditation team
 - iii. CAEP team will be meeting on campus and remotely
 - iv. Need to have a tech friendly room
 - v. Assessment committee gives 1 report / month at TEC / this report will be completed during next month’s meeting giving logistics
 - vi. Shannon thanks everyone in the room for responding and participating during the time the CAEP report was being completed
 - B. Faculty Development (Pixita del Prado Hill/Keli Garas-York), reported by Julie Henry
 - i. Thank you from and to PDS
 - ii. All Hands on Deck – info on website: <https://pds.buffalostate.edu/professional-development-pds-partners>
 - iii. 26th Annual PDS Conference 9/24/21: <https://pds.buffalostate.edu/conference>
 - iv. PDS Liaison Teams – PDS will focus on supporting the Liaison Teams; partnerships can apply for a mini-grant
 - v. TEUCPAC – next meeting 10/13 – virtual meeting
 - vi. Question posted about slide contribution – where to access the slide templates; Julie will request that Pixita and Kelly share the template with faculty

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C. Field/Clinical Experiences (Rosemary Arioli)

- i. Fall – challenge in making placements, yet successfully done
- ii. GoReact was used again; it was necessary; contract for this year is now signed; working with Kelly from Go-react
- iii. Upcoming meeting of the Field and Clinical Experience Committee, 9/17 at 9:30; will discuss pros and cons of using an online format to meet the needs of applicants
- iv. Distribution of the student teaching evaluation; there is a resource on the student teaching website; a discussion will be had about how to distribute the evaluations to teachers
- v. Reliability training for mentors and supervisors – training will be discussed
- vi. Next Field/Clinical Experiences meeting will be held by Zoom

D. Recruitment and Retention (Kathy Wood)

- i. Kathy and committee worked with a team to help Teacher Education website become more visible; creating a landing page to do so; additional meetings set up; committee will determine pertinent information to be contained on the landing page
- ii. Presentation given to Say Yes students by Kathy Doody
- iii. Kathy Wood did a presentation to undeclared
- iv. Hoping to do Calling all Future Teachers again
- v. Call-out for an additional member of the Recruitment and Retention committee (Art or Secondary Ed.)
- vi. I-Prep – now joined UTA

VI. Certification Office Update (Patty Recchio) – deferred to the next meeting

VII. TEUPAC Update (Pixita del Prado Hill/Keli Garas-York) – See above PDS updates

VIII. Unit Head Report (Wendy Paterson)

- A. Thank you for kicking off the 150th year in Teacher Education with the Teacher Education Alumni Picnic
- B. Shout-out to the Student Teaching Supervisors who have worked so hard; thank you for fast responses to ongoing events
- C. Campus is following SUNY mandates and Erie County Guidelines
- D. Buffalo State has guidelines:
 - i. In consultation with President Conway-Turner, Dr. Paterson as Unit Head has informed all student teaching supervisors that they should meet with their student teachers once a month, if possible, but that their presence on campus will be required at least occasionally during their student teaching term and therefore, the SUNY vaccination mandate extends to all student teachers. Student teachers must also comply with district and building requirements. Students with legal exemptions will need to consult their placement school's leadership to follow the same protocols as unvaccinated teachers. Schools have the right to refuse candidates with exemptions. In that case, the supervisor should try to find a placement that will allow the exempted candidate with weekly testing protocols.

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- ii. You can ask students to show their daily screening tracker
 - iii. Requirement to do a seating chart in the classroom
 - 1. Contact tracing within a certain parameter of distance
 - 2. Have a sense of where students are in space (consider labs where students are in close proximity)
 - 3. If everyone mixes with everyone, then all students are impacted
 - iv. Reminder that we are working with students who are coming back from the trauma of the pandemic; fortunately, we have focused on Trauma Informed Instruction
 - v. Students will continue learning as long as we support that learning
 - vi. Our student teachers provided amazing help to the teaching supervisors
 - vii. Recognizing the importance of teachers (as we do) inspires a good recruitment call
- IX. Old Business - none
- X. New Business
- A. October Lightening Round – Jim Maloney to discuss GoReact
 - B. Julie Henry – mentions that the attendance at this meeting is noteworthy – thank you for coming
- XI. Announcements
- A. Graduate open houses – remote
 - B. Undergraduate open house – on campus
 - C. Homecoming weekend of October 2nd
 - D. Music Department is hosting an event; 9/25, 10:00am -12:00pm; fun and interactive for children up to the age of 8, see the Daily.
- XII. Adjournment (1:58), Judy motioned, Joe seconded

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa M. Cinotti