

Spring 2021 Counseling Program Meeting
February 10, 2021

Meeting Minutes

- I. **Call Meeting to Order** – Meeting called to order at 11:10am.
- II. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Counseling Program Faculty Meeting**
 - a. **Any Corrections;** no corrections noted; minutes approved by faculty
 - b. **NEXT MEETING: March 24, 2021**
- III. **Search Update** -Joe Hulgus
 - Update on candidate searches – interview taking place today with Karrie Swan.
- IV. **Reports/Updates**
 - a. Report of Counseling Program Coordinator – Jef Cornelius-White
 - Jef wrote CACREP Mandatory Special report but it has not been finalized. The non-core: core faculty ratio and FTE student: FTE faculty ratio and potential solutions were discussed.
 - b. Report of CACREP Liaison – Bonni Behrend
 - Update on Reports – Will give CACREP Mandatory Special report until 2/17/2021 to see if anything else comes up to be added. Jef will submit the report at that date.
 - c. Report of Practicum/Internship Coordinator – Amy Chenoweth
 - Refer to report
 - Practicum and Internship Application Meeting Date 2/19/21 – please let your classes know.
 - New MOUs: Home Court Advantage, Mt Hope Counseling Ctr
 - d. Report of Center City Counseling Clinic (CCCC) Director- Robin Farris – No report given today, Robin not present
 - e. Remediation and Gatekeeping Report (Committee consists of Kelly, Amy, Bonni and Leslie)
 - Refer to report: In progress. Kelly will send out for review once complete.
- V. **Curricular proposal updates** – Kelly discussed DESE K-12 school counseling matrix that is currently under revision. She is collaborating with Kim Dubree to complete. COU 791: K-12 School Counseling Internship is a new course associated with matrix that is being proposed. Kelly will send out to COU program faculty for review and approval by end of week.
- VI. **Course offerings** – intend to have greater number of classes this summer than in previous summers. Unlike summer 2020, summer 2021 will hinder rather than help our non-core: core ratio further.
 - a. Reesha stated that the university is pushing for as many classes to be back to original format as possible (in-person). Our program needs to decide what modality our courses will be for Summer and/or Fall. Idea of sending out a survey to students to assess preferences course modality was raised.
 - b. Different strategies for reducing enrollment in terms of both admissions and gatekeeping were discussed to improve the non-core: core faculty ratio.
- VII. **Discussion Items**

- a. The 7-10pm class time was reconsidered. Feedback from the student survey was reiterated with multiple course offering times raised as a solution where feasible.
- b. Amy brought up West Plains campus and how it plays a part in our program. We are a multi-delivery program. WP is now just a geographical location in which students can enroll, not a program. We are not considered an online program but rather we are a multi-delivery program, therefore, online delivery, particularly through zoom, is one of the *options* for our students.
- c. Joe brought up the question of “can we really produce quality counselors if all of their course work is taught online?” We do not have an answer for this at this time but something to be further considered. Discussion of research on tele-supervision and tele health, the pandemic demands, social justice accessibility, and other factors to consider were raised.

VIII. Student Related Concerns – Gatekeeping measures were discussed as related to student concerns, including how students are admitted to the program. One specific student concern was discussed.

IX. Unfinished Business - None

X. New Business - None

XI. Adjournment – Joe adjourned the meeting at 12:15pm