



Reading, Foundations, and Technology

October 22, 2021
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Hill Hall 300

Attendees

Brandon Aigner, Jamie Atkinson, Ching-Wen Chang, Stacie Finley, Stephanie Huffman, Steve Jones, Kewman Lee, Kayla Lewis, Annice McLean, Sarah Nixon, Julia Novakowski, Cathy Pearman, Dennis Rudnick, Becky Swearingen

Absences: Pam Correll

Guest: Paige Harp – IG12 – Ms. Harp reported on resources available at the library.

Action Items:

Approve September 24, 2021 minutes – Dr. Pearman moved to approve minutes, Dr. Nixon second; minutes approved.

Information Items:

Additional travel funds – Indirect Funds – Dr. Huffman reported RFT has \$1,913.64 indirect funds that can be used for travel. Dr. Huffman reallocated the funds to faculty.

EDT 661 – Dr. Chang reported change 661 to 771.

EDT 545/645 New Course

EDT Program Change – Program change is due to course changes.

MID – has been pulled for further edits.

Business Ed – Dr. Nixon is the new program coordinator. Dr. Nixon reported two EDT courses have been added. Changes include: removed 2.75 GPA requirement, revising minimum grade point requirement for professional education course to a B, added two EDT classes –Coding for Educators and Digital Learning Environment, replaced the finance and qualitative business stats class, SEC 522 will no longer be a requirement, and requiring all transfer students to take EDC 150.

MAT Curriculum Changes - Program description – update the description, updated SEC 783 & SEC 784

Curriculum Review – Review your courses, website, and graduate website.

RPT Guidelines – Plagiarism Reports (wording) Dr. Chang reported changed wording from articles to publications. When you submit your publication, it must be accompanied by SafeAssign plagiarism report. Changes to wording placed on November faculty meeting for a vote. Dr. Nixon discussed all the different types of pay for publication. Faculty need to do their own research into pay to publish. Issue has been tabled until spring 2022.

Faculty lines (EDT & Foundations) – Dr. Huffman reported enrollment dropped over 2000 students last year; 1300 students did not return and 500 went to other institutions. University trying to recruit back those students that left. This left a big deficit in MSU budget. Any lines that were frozen were swiped away to never return. Any lines that are going to be filled are only the line being currently vacated. If any faculty lines become available, RFT will have a chance to make a case for those.

Bears Give – COE raised \$6,000.00 to be used for various projects.

DESE Grant (\$40,000) - Bears Teach – Dr. Pearman reported COE will probably receive the grant.

Accepting applications from all schools. Hoping to have 50 students visit campus. Looking for volunteers to conduct school visits to recruit students – target sophomores and juniors. SGA President will come in to speak about organizations that students can become involved in.

Thanksgiving Feast - November 19th – Soup & Chili

Dr. Pearman reported on Rural Education Initiatives – teacher caucuses of 12 to 20 teachers with experience in rural teaching. First meeting is November 8th on campus. Their travel expenses are paid and the school receives \$100 for the substitute teacher expense. End result – is to put together a policy playbook to send to National Rural Education Association.

Disturbed User Support Specialist - Dr. Huffman reported hired Josh Hopkins who will start November 1st. COE is also looking for a part-time person.

New Literacy graduate assistant – Maggie Quick is replacing Bri.

University Staff Ambassador – If interested, contact Rose Lee.

MACTE Virtual conference – Dean Tinkler will send links – free to attend

Teach.org has rolled out. This is a recruitment site – high school students can look at our programs.

CEFS Dept. - Working with children and families on November 2 at PSU

Pathways for Paras – literacy program is a part of this.

SMSTA Ice Cream social is October 26th in front of Hill Hall 12:00 – 4:00 pm

Committees:

BSED – (e-report) Dr. Aigner/Lee/Novakowski

COE Assessment – Dr. Atkinson have not met.

COE Budget – Dr. Aigner reported meeting soon

COE Diversity Taskforce – Dr. Rudnick reported interviewed four grad students – hired Camryn Jahelka.

Diversity fellow has not officially started yet. MOU established.

COE Dean's Search – Dr. Jones reported no update.

College Council (e-report) - Dr. Chang

EDC 345 – Dr. Rudnick discussed per course teaching.

Ed.D. Taskforce – Dr. Jones reported there was a market research done on the EdAdmin – the results were not good. Conversations are ongoing.

EPPC – (e-report) Dr. Correll/Finley

EPPC Diversity – Dr. Rudnick reported what is the role of EPPC Diversity? Shifting priorities thinking about some of the things that are coming out of the task force can be operationalize throughout EPP.

Discussions with Alan Tinkler in Arts and Letters Dept. who is doing similar work. Professional development opportunities framed toward all educators and educator preparers.

Faculty Advisory Council – Dr. Finley have not meet. Dr. Nixon would like to be remove from this committee. Dr. Swearingen will replace to Dr. Nixon.

Faculty Concerns – Dr. Finley – final draft of the administrator's assessment survey to go out before Thanksgiving

Faculty Senate (e-report) – Dr. Nixon

Graduate Council (e-report) – Dr. Chang/Nixon

Graduate Program Advisory – Dr. Chang - nothing to report.

MSED - Dr. Finley reported – have not met.

Personnel Committee – Dr. Chang/Nixon – already discussed.

RFT Actions Workgroup Reports

Group 1 – Atkinson, McLean, Pearman, Rudnick – Dr. Atkinson reported four actions that incorporates goal 1 and 2. Four actions: 1) Connect with community organizations serving diverse populations to determine collaborate opportunities for RFT faculty, students, and community for spring 2022. 2) Looking at coding class for the EDT master's degree spring 2023. 3) Strengthening recruitment efforts by offering a campus coding event fall 2024; 4) Promoting and strengthening our relationship with Greenwood Lab.

Group 2 – Aigner, Correll, Jones – Dr. Aigner reported taking goals with global engagement and turn them into action items. Student - Promoting opportunities students have to study abroad. Connect with advisors about these opportunities. Faculty side – Study Abroad office offers luncheons to learn how to create a study abroad program. Educational experiences that would pair educational courses in international settings

Group 3 – Finley, Lewis, Novakowski, Swearingen - Dr. Finley reported connected with P12 schools – once teachers get into the field they may notice gaps in their education. Adjust our programs to fill the gap, offer professional development, and be mentors. Pathways to Pars offer more opportunities; better use social media and more marketing; collaborating with Marcom. Monthly research/teaching idea

symposium for faculty – a different topic every month. Program faculty collaborating – how to bring in more high impact in terms of sustainability.

Group 4 – Chang, Lee, Nixon – Dr. Chang reported 1. Enhance college wide commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. Provide professional development on diversity. Faculty attend Blackboard black belt training. Encourage faculty to use FCTL resources. Development a supportive and welcoming environment where all students can pursue personal growth and academic success. Get involve with English Language Institute to speak to international students. Design short-term community base projects to build into our courses. Make sure students are aware of resources available on campus. Each group needs to elect someone to be the lead – leaders need to get together to develop one document to vote on in November.

Scholarship Committee – Dr. Lee - nothing to report.

SEC 302 – Dr. Novakowski reported since Taskstream is no longer used, which creates more instructional time.

Sustainability Committee – Dr. Novakowski reported the sustainability major is moving forward.

Teacher Ed. Living and Learning – Dr. Chang reported they had their first social event.

Dr. Atkinson thanked everyone for supporting the Public Affairs conference.

Homecoming challenge – next year RFT needs to have a table.

Additional committee reports as needed