

Youngstown State University  
Beeghly College of Education  
McKay Auditorium  
February 22, 2018, 3:30 p.m.

## **Professional Education Council Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:** Matthew Bowen, Darnelle Clark, Lauren Cummins, Mary Lou DiPillo, Timothy Filipovich, Charles Howell, Chuck Jeffords, Therese Kightlinger, Paul Louth, Marcia Matanin, Kristen Osiniak, Jake Protivnak, John Rubesich, Gregg Sturuss, and Amy Williams. Guests: Jane Beese and Kristen Italiano.

### **Call to Order**

Dr. Protivnak welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m.

### **Minutes**

Dr. Jeffords motioned to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2017 meeting, as presented, and Dr. Matanin seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

### **Announcement Regarding School Psychology Program**

Dr. Protivnak announced that the School Psychology program was awarded national recognition through 2024 with no conditions from the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) and is awaiting approval from ODHE. He added that it was a long road and included push-back from competing universities.

### **Redesign of the Principal Preparation Program**

Dr. Beese shared that a grant for the principal preparation program was received in January that must be completed and evaluated by the end of June. To meet the goals of the grant, focus groups are being held. Program faculty members are meeting with education stakeholders to identify what skills are needed in today's schools. The program is being designed to create "principals of distinction." Input from PEC members regarding knowledge and skills needed is welcomed.

Mr. Bowen pointed out that HB 512 should be reviewed if we want to stay current. The focus is to integrate K-12 education with workforce development. In Mahoning County, districts are looking for satellite opportunities for students that are funded 100% by industry partners. Our principals of tomorrow need to understand what the communities need. Dr. Matanin added that there is a need to educate the whole child, know the culture of the community, including music education, physical education, special education, etc.

Dr. Cummins said there is a need for principals who understand the need for professional development in technology on an ongoing basis. Other comments included educating principals on mental/emotional health issues of students as well as understanding the need for the evaluation of teachers to help them improve and analyze data appropriately. Future principals

also need to be able to communicate, including with social media.

Dr. Protivnak requested that any additional suggestions and ideas should be passed on to Dr. Jeffords.

### **International Experiences for BCOE Students**

Dr. Protivnak reported that there are international internship experiences for BCOE students. Two students will be completing an internship abroad in Finland and London. Dr. Matanin went to the Czech Republic last summer, and 21 students will go to Palacky University in May to study special education.

### **Proposed Changes in Licensure Grade Bands**

The middle childhood licensure has been proposed to be eliminated; however, YSU and the State University Education Deans advocate a different plan. Under the SUED plan supported by YSU, Early Education would be extended to cover up to grade 5 (K-5); middle childhood (4-9) and AYA (7-12) would remain unchanged. Parallel bands would be developed for Special Education, thereby encouraging dual licensure programs. This proposal is currently on the table.

Dr. Cummins shared her concern that if Middle Childhood is eliminated, there would be no SPA (Specialized Professional Associations), and SPA grants national recognition. Additionally, standards for the fifth grade need to be considered if the Early Childhood license is expanded.

### **Discussion: edTPA Handout for School Districts**

The edTPA is a performance-based assessment used in 40 states and 750 universities to assess teacher candidates for initial licensure. Dr. Matanin reviewed the summary page about the edTPA which was proposed at an earlier PEC meeting to acquaint area educators with the assessment tool and the scoring model. YSU's passing score is currently 37, one standard deviation below the suggested passing score, and is considering raising the score to 39 in the 2018-2019 academic year. Ninety-seven percent of YSU teacher candidates pass the assessment on their first attempt.

### **Diversity Initiative: Trauma-Informed Schools**

Dr. Howell indicated that there is a growing body of evidence that shows students who have been exposed to violence present more behavior issues than those who were not exposed. Teacher candidates must be aware of this to be better prepared and prevent out of school suspensions. A professional development session will be offered to our teacher candidates to better prepare them in this area. State mandated training has been held through the Trumbull County Educational Service Center on the opioid crisis and can be integrated into our professional development for trauma-exposed students.

### **Enrollment Data**

Dr. Howell reviewed enrollment data in the college's programs that have been collected from Fall 2012 through Fall 2017. Decreased enrollment was noted in Teacher Education over the last four years and in the Counseling department over the last six years. Ten programs indicate a greater than 20% decline in enrollment since Fall 2013. Increased admission standards were implemented in 2014 which have had an effect on the enrollment numbers.

**Teacher Appreciation Gala and Reunion**

A Teacher Appreciation Gala and Reunion will be held on Saturday, April 14 from 3 to 6 p.m. at Oh Wow!, 11 W. Federal St., in Youngstown. Those in attendance were asked to take posters about the Gala to post in the area schools.

**Alumni Award Dinner**

The 2018 Alumni Award Dinner will be held on Thursday, May 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. in McKay Auditorium. Nominations for outstanding alumni are due on March 1, and invitations will be sent out in April.

**Next Meeting Date**

Thursday, April 19, will be the last meeting of the academic year. The meeting will be held from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. in Room 2423.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Bidwell