

Minutes
Professional Education Council
3:30pm- Wednesday, February 12, 2025
Room 3073 & via Zoom

Zoom link: <https://wku.zoom.us/j/91890850030>

Meeting ID 918 9085 0030

Attendance: Nicholas Brake, Kerie Esslinger, Nick Fortune, Nancy Hulan, Pam Jukes, Ting-Hui Lee, Cynthia Mason, Kerrie McDaniel, Corinne Murphy, Lester Pesterfield, Carnetta Skipworth, Melissa Stewart, Beckie Stobaugh, Catherine Wilson, Chris Stunson, Jennifer Klemm, Marge DeSander, Danita Kelly, Leigh Johnson, Whitley Stone

I. Approval of the minutes from the December 11, 2024, meeting
(Minutes can be found on the CEBS main web page- click on the Dean's Office dropdown menu, select Educator Preparation Programs, select Professional Education Unit, select Meeting Minutes and Agendas).

<https://www.wku.edu/cebs/peu/index.php>

Motion: Fortune

Second: Stobaugh

Approved

Approval of agenda for this February 12, 2025, meeting

Motion: DeSander

Second: Keesey

Approved

II. Updates from Professional Education Unit Head- Dean Murphy or Associate Dean Klemm

Following several bills from the Legislative sessions:

Senate Bill 77- allows the Chief Academic Officer to serve as a member of the EPSB. Asking that it can be a designee as well. May help the Board get quorum. Board must meet every 3 weeks.

House Bill 36- relates to misconduct in school and school sponsored activities.

Prohibits people signing NDAs that would be kept from the general public.

House Bill 48- encourages districts to offer an induction mentoring program instead of requiring it. Universities are not required to participate. The bill allows people to not offer induction training but makes it elective.

House Bill 170- Option 9 Alternative Teaching Certifications- we do not offer this at WKU because we have flexible programs. We do not need additional restrictions or qualifications to do what we do.

House Bill 205- this one is worrisome; removes the authority of the EPSB to require the successful completion of assessments prior to teacher certification.

House Bill 251- wants to require EPSB rather than CPE be the one that reviews teacher education programs every three years.

House Bill 263- Student Teacher Stipend Program- making sure we are clarifying what a KY resident is defined. The stipend only goes to student teachers who are teaching in the state of KY.

House Bill 272- defining dysgraphia. Called a cleanup bill; talks about some of the reporting requirements

House Bill 324- allows the local school board to require the minimum score requirements for certified positions for specific positions. Not EPSB setting cut scores but the local school board.

III. Accreditation & Continuous Improvement

Formative Feedback report looked good. Everything that was written up were things we already know and have addressed all of the items and submitted the addendum last Friday.

We are missing a few clinical documents and will reach out individually to get those before the site visit in April.

Ad Hoc Committee- met twice and going very well. Made it through two sections (function and membership). One section left for the next meeting.

IV. New Business

A. Office of Professional Educators Services

1. Candidates completing Requirements for Admission to the Professional Education Unit

<https://docs.google.com/document/u/1/d/e/2PACX-1vRWJV6NI7Tjuq3KaVC2GfLwXKb9hrIkKNu24-hPgykBwH4S7uRRZaE0LSJQydJyrSmaNfne5zoq65Jo/pub>

2. Candidates for Student Teaching
Spring 2025

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ul-TLEmlsQ9ZG-WQSO8nPY3-frDo17WMJBhom3Ms-xE/edit?tab=t.0>

3. Financial Aid for students:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hMPIJ11WniHfsJl2hRuetpv6cqJqlpO/view>

B. Ogden College of Science & Engineering

1. Course Change Request- BIOL 369: Internship in Biology- Simran Banga

Motion: Wilson Second: Fortune Approved

2. Program Change Request- 728: Mathematics, Bachelor of Arts- Ngoc Nguyen

Motion: Wilson Second: Jukes Approved

C. College of Health and Human Services

1. Program Change Request: 0454 Kinesiology- Whitley Stone

Motion: Wilson Second: Stobaugh Approved

V. Other Business

Earlier when ELEVATE was discussed GRREC has rebranded. GRREC is the rank change. ELEVATE is a company that will source teachers for shortages in districts who pay them to do so.

VI. Adjournment

Motion: Esslinger Approved