

Agenda for Professional Education Council  
 February 20, 2023 from 4:00-5:00 p.m.  
 Blue Ridge Conference Room  
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Angela Lunsford	Erin Callahan (proxy for Eleanor Petrone)
Lee Nickles	Pam Buskey
Elizabeth Turnmire	Emily Virtue (proxy for Heidi Von Dohlen)
Erin Tapley	Michael Boatright
Karena Cooper-Duffy	Frank Forcino
Jeananne Nichols	Adrienne Stuckey
Carrie Rogers	Carmen Huffman
Nathan Borchelt	Terry Rose
Jenny Stewart	Amanda Chapman
Rachel Wike	Cathy Grist
Tom Watterson	Todd Stephen
Holly Miller	

I. Welcome and Announcements

- A. Kim Winter facilitated the meeting in place of Patricia Bricker
- B. Kim Winter opened the meeting at 4:02 pm

II. Approval of [Minutes from January 25, 2023](#)

- A. Minutes unanimously approved

III. Dean's Report

Kim gave the report noting a recent article on advocacy. A reminder was given to advocate using a personal email, not as a WCU Employee.

Kim noted the following resources:

- A. [North Carolina and National Board Certification](#)
  - NC continues to lead the nation with the number of board-certified teachers.
  - 8 of the UNC schools were recognized
- B. [Senate Bill 49 Parents' Bill of Rights](#)
  - Details parents' rights when it comes to their role in their child/children's education, health and mental health.
- C. [House Bill 26: Education Omnibus](#)
  - NCCAT will be moved under SPI's authority
  - Revises the admission standards for NCCAT
- D. [Public School Forum of North Carolina Top Education Issues of 2023](#)
  - Fair and competitive compensation for educators
  - Grow, retain, and diversify the teacher pipeline
  - Address the root causes of mental health and school safety crises
  - Prepare students for the world they live in
  - Implement, monitor and evaluate the Comprehensive Remedial Plan

E. [WCU Teacher and Professional Education Report February 2023](#)

IV. Curriculum

Kim introduced these changes, then faculty related to these areas presented on each change

Emily Virtue presented on sections A&B

Adrienne Stuckey presented on section C

Karena Cooper-Duffy presented on section D through I

One of PEC's roles is to approve new professional education courses and programs and revisions of professional education courses and programs. This happens sequentially after the college-level curriculum committee approval. In addition, the PEC Chair/Director of Teacher Ed can approve minor changes and inform PEC. Items for PEC vote include:

- A. [EDL 893](#) Topics in Educational Leadership (allowing class to be repeatable up to 9 hours)
  - The topics within this course changes depending on the cohort and what they are encountering.
  - This change will allow students to take the course multiple times to learn about the unique topic being taught.
- B. [Educational Leadership Ed.D. \(Remove EDRS 800, Add EDRS 895\)](#)
- C. [Special Education Minor \(add SPED 338 to elective list\)](#)
  - Classes that we have been offering for the UP program. Moving the class from a special topics classification, which allows students to take it as a course for their minor.
- D. [Comprehensive Education MAT \(Remove Art concentration, update Teacher Ed Licensure requirements, change SPED prereqs, change SPED 506 to SPED 585\)](#)
  - Removed art concentration due to lack of enrollment.
- E. [SPED 562](#) Best Practices for Teaching Reading and Written language to Exceptional Learners (remove prereq)
- F. [SPED 563](#) Best Practices for Teaching Mathematics to Exceptional Learners (remove prereq)
- G. [SPED 585](#) Advanced Methods to Teach Students with High Incidence Disabilities (Intern I) (Change number and title from SPED 506 to 585 because it is not the internship course)
- H. [SPED 587](#) Special Education Internship (change prereq from SPED 506 to SPED 585)
- I. [SPED 633](#) Collaboration with Families and Professionals (Prereq no longer needed)
  - The Department wants everyone who wants to take it to be able to take it

Curriculum changes were moved for approval together and approved unanimously

Kim noted some proposals that were recently approved:

Proposals that have been approved by the PEC Chair since we last met include:

- A. [Inclusive Education BSEd \(update title of SPED 413; SPED 413 was already approved\)](#)
- B. [Special Education Adapted Curriculum, Post Bacc \(update Teacher Ed Licensure requirements\)](#)
- C. [Special Education General Curriculum, Post Bacc \(update Teacher Ed Licensure requirements\)](#)

V. Business

- A. Discuss [edTPA Policy Recommendation](#) from edTPA Commission

Groups add notes to:

<https://padlet.com/lnickles6/pec-edtpa-policy-9peuk43fzsa1cx7u>



Kim introduced the policy and asked the tables to discuss. Tables discussed the policy and recorded their thoughts and comments on Padlet. A group discussion was then held.

B. Comments from edTPA



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Motion to adjourn was made and meeting adjourned at 4:41 pm