Agenda for Professional Education Council

November 8, 2023

Zoom: <https://wcu.zoom.us/j/86998552388>

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| Brent Speckhardt | Reah Dingle | Travis Bennett |
| Ryan Mitchell | Machelle Cathey | Alysha Floyd |
| Pam Buskey | Michael Boatright | Emily Virtue |
| Tammy Barron | Cathy Grist | Joy Howard |
| Jazmyne Baylor | C.Y Wang | Laura Flores |
| Rachel Wike | Leigh Odom | Kristina Lind |
| Myra Watson | Lee Nickles | Carmen Huffman |
| Erin Callahan | Melissa Faetz |  |
| Karena Cooper-Duffy | Carrie Rogers |  |
| Amanda Chapman | Luke Manget |  |
| Melissa Mecadon-Mann | Joy Bowers-Campbell |  |

1. Welcome and Announcements
2. Myra Watson opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m.
3. Myra Watson highlighted some initiatives and events within the College of Education and Allied Professions. Details regarding initiatives and events can be found within the PEC shared folder.
4. Over 50 applications have been submitted for the Intern II funding opportunity.
5. Approval of [10.11.23 PEC Minutes.docx](https://catamountwcu-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/mkwatson_wcu_edu/EXpeHyBvB81NhEFGZbY6hGcBxYvW0rdAVLA4AbwO4cyO_w?e=QQ8Gx0)
6. Emily Virtue made a motion to approve the minutes. Melissa Faetz seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.
7. Dean’s Report
   * + 1. Dean Winter was out of town and had no information to share at this meeting.
8. Curriculum

*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.*

* + - 1. There were no curriculum proposals needing approval for this meeting.

1. Business
   1. Old Business
      1. Accelerated Early Release Policy
         1. Update: 3 students have been approved so far (Intern IIs), 1 intern I have been approved
2. There has been a lot of positive feedback surrounding the accelerated early-release policy.
3. Our school partners have been supportive of this policy
4. Applications are continuing to come in for accelerated early release
   1. New Business
      1. WCU TeachNC Internship Support Fund
         1. Myra opened the floor for questions regarding the Internship support fund. There were no questions posed.
      2. For Information: [WCU College of Education and Allied Professions Educator Early Field Experiences (EFX) Dashboard](https://app.powerbi.com/links/9Ep6f-Y1te?ctid=c5b35b5a-16d5-4414-8ee1-7bde70543f1b&pbi_source=linkShare&bookmarkGuid=77e385fa-d2a2-4c84-aee1-961b3aa4edbe)
         1. Dr. Nickles presented on the EFX dashboard.
         2. This data may be helpful for early field experience instructors to locate issues and areas of improvement.
      3. For Feedback: New Program Proposal/Idea
         1. BA in Educational Studies
5. Dr. Nickles shared about the possibility of adding a non-licensure education degree.
6. This degree would allow students no longer interested in teaching to obtain a non-licensure degree.
7. Dr. Nickles looked at other UNC system schools’ options. These include an interdisciplinary studies degree, a non-licensure concentration within the education degree, or a BA degree in Educational Studies.
8. This presentation is linked in the PEC shared folder.
   * + 1. [Padlet Link](https://padlet.com/mkwatson/non-licensure-options-lg3ytl8y9pxxtpz7)
9. Individuals were divided into breakout rooms to voice their questions and suggestions for this program.
10. Myra Watson helped answer some questions and addressed concerns regarding the degree.
11. The padlet responses will be linked in the shared folder.
12. Myra Watson closed the meeting at 5 p.m.