

**College of Education
Executive Leadership Council
December 5, 2024
9.30am - 11am**

Minutes

Members Present: Ashley Akenson, Lizzie Burrows, Amy Brown, Chuck Craig, Michael Hoane, Christy Killman, Darek Potter, Kyle Shanks, Matt Smith, Jeremy Wendt

Curriculum & Instruction

CI04: Catalog Course Additions & Changes

Course Addition: ECED 4275 – Internship 1 Seminar

Course Changes: ECED 4280 – Early Childhood Internship II

Workflow: ELC --> UCC (Jan 30, 2025)

Discussion: Adding a seminar allows preparation for the expectation of internship and mirrors the licensure pathway.

Dr. Ashley Akenson motioned to approve

Kyle Shanks seconded the motion.

All Approved

CI05: Curriculum/Catalog Changes

Course Changes: Early Childhood Practitioner, Generalist B.S. / Special Education Practitioner, B.S.

Workflow: ELC --> UCC (Jan 30, 2025)

Discussion: Early Childhood Practitioner-adding a seminar allows preparation for the expectation of internship and mirrors the licensure pathway. Special Education Practitioner-changes are designed to streamline the path for SPED practitioners by improving alignment with current standards, enhancing flexibility, and reducing redundancy. Changes include modifying science requirements to reflect updated SPED licensure guidelines providing more elective flexibility for candidates to personalize their learning experience, equipping them with specialized skills and interdisciplinary knowledge to address specific interests or emerging needs in the SPED field work, and integrating overlapping content from existing courses and reducing repetitive material. These modifications aim to make the program more efficient, engaging, and aligned with professional standards for their chosen field.

Dr. Ashley Akenson motioned to approve

Kyle Shanks seconded the motion.

All Approved

CI06: Course/Catalog Changes

Changes: EDU 7300

Workflow: ELC --> GSEC (Jan 28, 2025)

Discussion: To align the catalog to current practices

Dr. Jeremy Wendt motioned to approve.

Dr. Matt Smith seconded the motion.

All Approved

Counseling & Psychology

CP01: Course Changes

Changes: COUN 6800

Workflow: ELC --> UCC (Jan 30, 2025) --> GSEC (March 4, 2025)

Discussion: Students are no longer required to have COUN 6320 and COUN 7600 prior to enrolling in COUN 6800 according to current CACREP accreditation approved matriculation plan for counseling majors.

Dr. Jeremy Wendt motioned to approve.

Dr. Matt Smith seconded the motion.

All Approved

CP02: Course Changes

Changes: COUN 6680

Workflow: ELC --> UCC (Jan 30, 2025) --> GSEC (March 4, 2025)

Discussion: Students are no longer required to have COUN 6670 prior to enrolling in COUN 6680 according to current CACREP accreditation approved matriculation plan for counseling majors.

Dr. Ashley Akenson motioned to approve

Kyle Shanks seconded the motion.

All Approved

CP03: Course Changes

Change: COUN 7300

Workflow: ELC --> UCC (Jan 30, 2025) --> GSEC (March 4, 2025)

Discussion: Counseling students have two guided elective courses in their programs of study, so they often choose to take this course twice to fill this requirement when the long title and course content are different and related to their career goals.

Dr. Ashley Akenson motioned to approve

Kyle Shanks seconded the motion.

All Approved

CP04: Course/Catalog Additions

Change Addition: COUN 7850

Workflow: ELC --> GSEC (Jan 28, 2025)

Discussion: COUN 7850 will equip doctoral students with advanced research skills essential for rigorous inquiry in counselor education and supervision, aligning with the program's goal to produce evidence-based scholars. The course will emphasize qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods approaches, ensuring students will

develop versatile research competencies applicable across diverse contexts. A central component will be the development of a dissertation preproposal, providing students with a structured framework to refine research ideas and create a clear blueprint for their doctoral work. This process will support their progress toward successful dissertation completion. Meeting CACREP accreditation standards, the course will underscore high academic and professional rigor, preparing students for roles as counselor educators, supervisors, and researchers. It will bridge theory and practice, ensuring graduates are equipped to evaluate and enhance counseling practices and policies.

Dr. Ashley Akenson motioned to approve

Kyle Shanks seconded the motion.

All Approved

Other Such Matters

Recruitment Updates

- ⇒ 29 SPED admits which is almost doubled
- ⇒ COE is up 11%
- ⇒ See attached handout

Stakeholder Survey

- ⇒ Discussion: As part of our path toward continuous improvement, we strive to engage all educator preparation stakeholders in this process. A keystone of continuous improvement is the vital feedback we receive from stakeholders. The information and insight provided is critical to our students' success and the success of P-12 learning. The answers provided will be used to improve processes and forge new pathways for our educator preparation students. This month's question is: What recent policy change or changes in trends may impact the supply of educators in specific areas?

Office of Teacher Education

- ⇒ 31 licensure graduates
- ⇒ 15-16 residency students
- ⇒ 135 intents for spring semester

Counseling & Psychology

- ⇒ Tenure Track search underway with 20 applicants; 5 strong applicants with 4 being in contact
- ⇒ 26-28 students are presenting posters for senior thesis with ½ those students taking the posters to professional conferences

STEM Center

- ⇒ New golf cart
- ⇒ Had a break in with someone climbing the beams in the main area

Student Success Center

- ⇒ Wrapping up advising
- ⇒ A lot of last-minute change of majors

Exercise Science

- ⇒ Sports Management and Exercise Physiology jobs posted
- ⇒ New Signage at AWC around Christmas
- ⇒ 14 students have paid the deposit for Ireland trip in May
- ⇒ Getting a “new to us” golf cart

Curriculum & Instruction

- ⇒ Five on going searches in difference phases
- ⇒ IE paragraph overviews deadline was late November
- ⇒ Advisors Meetings regarding substitutions (per the provost must have identical content and must meet program of study)

Associate Dean's Office

- ⇒ Graduation celebration is next week
- ⇒ JLRC donated goodies to raffle off

Assessment

- ⇒ Busy time of semester – TK20 is priority this week
- ⇒ Working on doc with review team regarding CAEP questions

PhD & Exceptional Learning

- ⇒ Exceptional Learning is celebrating 25 years next year, will possibly be doing something Homecoming week to celebrate with a dinner or breakfast
- ⇒ 3 – 4 graduates this spring
- ⇒ Concentrating on CAEP and SAP this week