

**Education Standards and Practices Board  
Program Approval Advisory Committee  
Video Conference Meeting Minutes**

April 8, 2021

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) Program Approval Advisory Committee (PAAC) video conference meeting was called to order at 12:00pm. PAAC members present were Brenda Tufte, Andi Dulski-Bucholz, Bob Toso, Chris Ray, Joshua Standing Elk, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, and Jessica Rush.

Also present by video conference were ESPB Executive Director Rebecca Pitkin and Amy Bigelow from ESPB,

Introductions were held.

**Approval of December 10, 2020 Minutes** – Andi Dulski-Bucholz made a motion to approve the December 10, 2020 PAAC minutes. Seconded by Joshua Standing Elk. All voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**Mayville State University MEd Program Approval Request** – Mayville has submitted a request for MEd program approval. The program has 3 tracks: Adult Teaching and Learning, Innovative Teaching Practices, or Special Education Strategist. Tracks are 32 to 34 credits each.

Bob Toso asked what their numbers are looking like. Mayville hopes to have 40 to 50 students within a 3-year time period. Programs will be online, so will be easily assessable.

Chris Ray made a motion to approve a MEd from Mayville State with 3 tracks. Seconded by Mary Eldredge-Sandbo. PAAC members who voted in favor were Brenda Tufte, Andi Dulski-Bucholz, Bob Toso, Chris Ray, Joshua Standing Elk, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, and Jessica Rush. None opposed. Motion carried.

**University of Jamestown Accreditation Report (Update)** – A virtual follow-up visit was completed. At that time, it was identified that some items UJ intended to implement could not be due to Covid. Some Areas for Improvement have been maintained. UJ has vastly improved their program and many AFIs were removed.

**Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College Report** – As requested by PAAC, NHSC has continued to provide updates on steps taken to support their progress.

**Physical Education/Health Standards Review** – Physical Education and Health Standards will be reviewed this summer. Becky will be forming a stakeholder group to review the standards and recommend any updates they see necessary.

**Legislative Session** – Coursework in reading competency is being addressed in HB 1388. This continues to go through amendments and revisions. Currently there is a semester hour requirement as the bill stands, but it could continue to be changed.

SB 2332 is the bill that relates to alternative routes to licensure. Special education has been added as an available American Board content area, while clinical experience and Teacher Support System mentoring requirements have been removed. This bill may still end up going back to conference committee.

**Accreditation Process** – Becky reviewed upcoming site visits.

- University of Mary – February 2021 has been completed
- Trinity Bible College – October 2021
- Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College – March 2022 (proposed)
- UND (CAEP/State) – October 2022
- VCSU (CAEP/State) – Fall 2022
- UTTC – Spring 2022
- Sitting Bull College – Spring 2023

Meeting was adjourned at xxx.

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Brenda Tufte, Chair

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Rebecca Pitkin, Secretary/Executive Director