

**Education Standards and Practices Board
Program Approval Advisory Committee
Minutes**

August 7, 2019

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) Program Approval Advisory Committee (PAAC) meeting was called to order at 11:00am by ESPB Executive Director Rebecca Pitkin. PAAC members present were Jessica Rush, Bob Toso, Kim Belgarde, and Brenda Tufte. Those present by conference call were Andi Dulski-Bucholz, Cheryl Nilsen, and Stacy Duffield.

PAAC member absent were Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, Penny Veit-Hetletved, and Ben Johnson.

Also present were Rebecca Pitkin and Amy Folkestad from ESPB.

Introductions were held.

Addition to the Agenda – UND discontinued program,

Approval of May 2019 Minutes – Brenda Tufte made a motion to approve the May 2019 PAAC minutes. Motion seconded by Kim Belgarde. All voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Approval Process Updates –

Update on Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College – Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College program reviews were due last fall and the state felt that what they submitted was unacceptable. NHSC has hired a consultant to help them with the process. Their consultant has reported that NHSC has not done what they've been asked and recommended to do.

Cheryl Nilsen expressed concern that with the amount of work they have to do, they may not be able to complete the task set before them. Bob Toso suggested that PAAC approve the timeline as it's laid out, and have NHSC provide a report for the September PAAC meeting, then make a decision about them being able to continue.

Cheryl Nilsen made a motion that NHSC would be given approval for the timeline as written (1 year), have them provide evidence to show that benchmarks are being met – with artifacts - for the September PAAC meeting, and go month by month. NHSC will also be notified that no further extensions will be granted. The PAAC unanimously expressed that they are deeply concerned for NHSC to successfully complete this process based on current progress. Motion seconded by Brenda Tufte. Board members who voted yes were Brenda Tufte, Andi Dulski-Bucholz, Cheryl Nilsen, and Stacy Duffield. Those who voted no were Bob Toso, Kim Belgarde, and Jessica Rush. Motion carried.

Brenda Tufte expressed concern that PAAC is clear about what artifacts are needed. Becky has a timeline and list of what is needed and will communicate this to them. Stacy Duffield had concerns that NHSC is not set up for success and wonders if there is another tribal college they could work with to strengthen their program.

PAAC would like to invite NHSC to come to the September meeting to present their artifacts.

Update on Trinity Bible College – Program reviews have been completed. One of the content reviewers has expressed concern that they will be able to meet InTASC standards.

Update on University of Jamestown – Things are progressing, and an on-site review is scheduled for November 8-10, 2020.

Lakota Language Proposal from UND – UND has presented a proposal to offer a Lakota Language program. There is no Praxis for Lakota Language, another way would need to be established for applicants who complete this program to demonstrate competency. Stacy Duffield pointed out the lack of rigor in the syllabi.

UND should let PAAC know how they will demonstrate evidence and develop syllabi to show that standards are being met. If there is only one textbook being used, they will need to show how it is being divided up over 4 levels.

Discontinued Program from UND – UND is no longer offering their special education program in gifted and talented education.

CAEP Accreditation Report for Minot State University and Dickinson State University – Minot State University and Dickinson State University have received notification from CAEP that they have been re-accredited. Brenda Tufte made a motion to approve CAEP recommendation for accreditation. Motion seconded by Jessica Rush. All voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

ETS Update – In September the core math test will change to reflect new standards. All score requirements will stay the same and only the test codes will change.

Title II Data – Title II data shows a reduction in program completers for secondary content areas. The effect of this is being reflected across the state as schools attempt to hire teachers for these areas.

Legislative Action – The Teaching Permit was created in HB 1531 for non-core areas. To date, none have been issued. ESPB has had inquiries regarding three in agriculture and one in business. Language in HB 1287 approved the American Board process to lead to regular licensure. ESPB has not issued any American Board license yet, but have spoken to individuals who have taken part of their American Board tests. There was an amendment to the law that would allow for a state developed alternative program, that would need to be approved by ESPB.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.

Chair

Rebecca Pitkin, Secretary/Executive Director