

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

August 12, 2020

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) Program Approval Advisory Committee (PAAC) conference call meeting was called to order at 10:03am by PAAC Chair Brenda Tufte. PAAC members present by video conference were Brenda Tufte, Cheryl Nilsen, Andi Dulski-Bucholz, Bob Toso, Chris Ray, Joshua Standing Elk, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, and Jessica Rush.

PAAC member Ben Johnson was absent.

Also present by video conference were ESPB Executive Director Rebecca Pitkin and Amy Bigelow from ESPB, Stacy Duffield, Candie Weyrauch, Kerry Hartman, and BJ Rainbow.

Introductions were held.

Approval of May 14, 2020 Minutes – Cheryl Nilsen made motion to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2020 PAAC meeting. Motion seconded by Joshua Standing Elk. All voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Sitting Bull College – PAAC had asked for additional information on how Sitting Bull College teacher education candidates are prepared for Praxis Core reading and writing tests, as well as how technology is used to collect and analyze data. Sitting Bull has provided this information and it is being presented to PAAC for accountability.

Turtle Mountain Community College Program Request – TMCC has submitted a request for approval of a new English education program. Being able to offer this program at TMCC would help fill a need in a shortage area in their region. Bob Toso made a motion to approve TMCC's request for approval of an English Education program. Motion seconded by Cheryl Nilsen. PAAC members who voted in favor were Brenda Tufte, Cheryl Nilsen, Andi Dulski-Bucholz, Bob Toso, Chris Ray, Joshua Standing Elk, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, and Jessica Rush. None opposed. Motion carried.

PAAC did point out that the level of preparation for this program should be listed as 5-12 instead of 7-12. This information will be conveyed to TMCC.

University of Jamestown Program Request – University of Jamestown has submitted their self-study and requests for approval of programs for chemistry education, composite science education, and health education. Becky pointed out that UJ previously had a chemistry education major, but when their review was done last fall, there were no students enrolled in the program, so it had gone dormant. Students are now interested in completing a chemistry education program, so it will need to be revisited. UJ has been talking about starting health program for quite a while. They do

have a site visit scheduled for this November; however, these new programs will be reviewed more in depth at the next review.

Bob Toso made a motion to approve University of Jamestown's program requests for chemistry education, composite science education, and health education. Motion seconded by Chris Ray. PAAC members who voted in favor were Brenda Tufte, Cheryl Nilsen, Andi Dulski-Bucholz, Bob Toso, Chris Ray, Joshua Standing Elk, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, and Jessica Rush. None opposed. Motion carried.

Cheryl Nilsen pointed out that she didn't see a big issue with the chemistry program, as they've had this before. Chris Ray mentioned that the number of credits required for the program seems a bit excessive and worries that it will deter students. Becky will provide this feedback to UJ.

Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College: Consideration of Probationary Status – NHSC has submitted materials and a written request, timeline, and self-study for consideration of allowing them to move forward on probationary status. At the May PAAC meeting, PAAC asked NHSC to provide additional information for consideration.

Cheryl Nilsen made a motion to approve 2-year probationary period for Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College, with written updates to PAAC on progress at the end of each semester. Motion seconded by Bob Toso. PAAC members who voted yes were Brenda Tufte, Cheryl Nilsen, Andi Dulski-Bucholz, Bob Toso, Chris Ray, Joshua Standing Elk, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, and Jessica Rush. None opposed. Motion carried.

Bob Toso commented that it's good to see that this progress has been made, after NHSC has been working for a few years to strengthen their accreditation. Brenda Tufte agreed and stated that the progress over the summer has been phenomenal.

Becky pointed out that the report has much emphasis on stakeholder involvement and encouraged NHSC faculty and staff that it will be a key to continue that conversation. Stacy Duffied, who has been working as a consultant with NHSC, responded that there continues to be a close partnership with New Town Public Schools.

Andi Dulski-Bucholz asked if there has been recruitment to support the program and if there is time and capacity to keep the program going. Kerry Hartman from NHSC responded that they are actively pursuing more students for the program. Faculty is going to work hard to continue over the next two years, with guidance from their consultant Stacy Duffield. They will be using different sources of data and examining from many different angles, even if looking at only a few candidates. One person is scheduled to student teach this fall semester, with the possibility of a second student teacher.

CAEP Training Update – Becky, Chris Ray, Jenny Bladow from UND, and Katherine Terras from Certification Central have completed CAEP training.

Site Visit Update – Mayville had virtual visit, and Becky has now used that as an example for other states who will be looking to do virtual site visits.

Science Standards Review – Yesterday, August 11th, a group met and reviewed new DPI science standards.

Next PAAC meeting will most likely be later this fall.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:41am.

Brenda Tufte, Chair

Rebecca Pitkin, Secretary/Executive Director