

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

May 14, 2020

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) Program Approval Advisory Committee (PAAC) conference call meeting was called to order at 12:01pm by PAAC Chair Brenda Tufte. PAAC members present by video conference were Brenda Tufte, Cheryl Nilsen, Andi Dulski-Bucholz, Ben Johnson, Josh Standing Elk, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, and Jessica Rush.

PAAC members absent were Bob Toso and Penny Veit-Hetletved.

Also present by video conference were ESPB Executive Director Rebecca Pitkin, Mari Riehl, and Amy Bigelow from ESPB, BJ Rainbow, Candie Weyrauch, Kent Hjelmstad, and Kerry Hartman from Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College.

Introductions were held.

Additions or Changes to Agenda – Additions to the agenda include VCSU Gifted and Talented program and a statement to be read from Stacy Duffield. Cheryl Nilsen made motion to approve the agenda with additions. Motion seconded by Andi Dulski-Bucholz. All voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Approval of March 26, 2020 Minutes – Mary Eldredge-Sandbo motioned to approve the March 26, 2020 minutes as written. Motion seconded by Cheryl Nilsen. All voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Statement from Stacy Duffield – Stacy Duffield has been hired by Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College to work on program development over the summer. Because this would be a conflict of interest with PAAC, she has submitted her letter of resignation from the committee. Becky has contacted Chris Ray from NDSU about serving on PAAC and will notify Al Olson from NDACTE about this new representation.

Penny Veit-Hetletved will be finishing her 2 terms and Becky has reached out to Aimee Copas from NDCEL about nominating a new administrative representative.

Certification Central Modules – Modules have been submitted for review. PAAC has already approved the program. Cheryl Nilsen commented that the modules looked very well put together with a strong rubric. Language is being updated in ESPB administrative rules to allow for state approved alternative program transcripts, so Certification Central will also be able to provide re-education credits.

UND Lakota Language Program – Program was reviewed and approved several months ago. Previously, PAAC asked what kind of assessments would be used. UND has provided documentation of rubrics and assessments that are in place. Mary Eldredge-Sandbo made a motion to approve. Seconded by Jessica Rush. All voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

UND English Learner (EL) Minor – Information only. UND has made a change to their program and will now be offering an EL minor starting Fall 2020. This is being done in response to the increase in EL students and the demand for EL teachers. Ben Johnson would like to emphasize the importance of the program, open the conversation and stressed that he doesn't want EL programs to be pushed in the wrong direction, such as toward Native American students.

VCSU Gifted and Stem Program – Information only. UND previously had a gifted and talented education program, but it is no longer being offered. VCSU has brought forward a program that integrates STEM with gifted and talented. VCSU already has a STEM program.

Cheryl Nilsen pointed out that focusing in STEM may be a narrow avenue and suggested that the arts and language also be included.

Update on Accreditation Process – Fair number of things going on. University of Mary has had their program reviews completed and their self-study will be coming in at the end of May. The University of Mary review team has been established.

Trinity Bible College's team is being lined up.

University of North Dakota has been given a one semester extension by CAEP and will be writing program reports this summer.

University of Jamestown site visit will be this fall, with the same team as previous, with the exception of one member who has accepted another teaching position outside of the country.

Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College: Request for Probationary Status – Accreditation for NHSC was revoked on May 15th. They have outlined a timeline in working with their new consultant on steps to take to become accredited and are asking for a 2-year probationary period while they work toward this.

Since PAAC voted to revoke, there would need to be a new vote on if the decision would be reversed. NHSC has asked for 2 years, but PAAC does have the option to decide on a different timeline.

Guests from NHSC were allowed 10 minutes to present to PAAC.

BJ Rainbow thanked the group for allowing them to present. There are students in the pipeline currently at NHSC. They have hired Dr. Stacy Duffield as a consultant to help them through the accreditation process. They plan for weekly meetings and to work on this continuously.

Josh Standing Elk stressed that as a graduate from a tribal college, he has seen the good it can do for a community. Andi Dulski-Bucholz still has concerns and would like to see where NHSC is going before she would like to see a re-vote. Cheryl Nilsen pointed out that Mr. Rainbow had addressed their turnover, however, having established processes in place for continuity helps when turnover of staff does occur.

Cheryl Nilsen made a motion to ask NHSC to come back in the beginning of August where they will consider granting probationary status. At that time, they will need to

show what the new plans will be, as well as what the follow-thru plan will look like. PAAC will need to review the deliverables that have been outlined in NHSC's plan. Motion seconded by Andi Dulski-Bucholz. PAAC members who voted yes were Brenda Tufte, Cheryl Nilsen, Andi Dulski-Bucholz, Ben Johnson, Josh Standing Elk, Mary Eldredge-Sandbo, and Jessica Rush. None opposed. Motion carried.

Becky asked for clarification on deliverables – is PAAC also wanting overview of meetings planned? Cheryl Nilsen said yes, meeting minutes will be an important aspect so that capacity for the program can be seen.

Ben Johnson asked if examples can be given to NHSC, and if it would be possible for PAAC Higher Ed committee members review in the interim between now and August to keep them on track. Cheryl Nilsen agreed that collaboration should be happening with stakeholders along the way.

Andi Dulski-Bucholz then reminded the group that Becky had provided models and examples along the way previously. That, coupled with guidance from Dr. Duffield, should be exceptional support. Brenda Tufte also reminded NHSC faculty that participation in NDACTE will also support development of the program.

Becky reminded the group that there is one NHSC student scheduled to pre-service teach in the fall. They may want to consider enrolling in another teacher preparation program, as PAAC cannot predict what will happen after reviewing materials in August. Due to the situation, there may be future questions.

Cheryl Nilsen made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Jessica Rush. Meeting adjourned at 12:57pm.