

Licensure Advisory Council

November 9, 2021

4:00 – 6:00 pm

Chapel Fellowship Room, Martin Luther College

Attendance

Advisory Council Members Present: Mindy Berkner, Aaron Grimm, Alyssa Marshall, Heath Dobberpuhl, Mark Bergmann, Michelle Miller, Ramona Kastner, Michael Plocher, Vickie Tambornino, Leah Zacate

MLC Faculty Members Present: Cheryl Loomis, Cindy Whaley, Daryl Hanneman, James Carlovsky, John Meyer, Jon Roux, Kelli Green, Pete Baganz, Rebecca Cox, Tingting Schwartz, Jon Schaefer, Bob Klindworth

MLC Staff Members Present: Carla Hulke, Deb Plath, Katie Christensen, Linda Kramer, Megan Plocher, Shelley Zacate, Bill Pekrul, Susan Plocher, Aaron Spike

MLC Students Present: Elena Thoma, Maria Were

Welcome and Introductions

- Cindy Whaley read the description and purpose of the Licensure Advisory Council. This can be found on the [MLC website](#).
- Cindy introduced first time attendees Bill Pekrul, James Carlovsky, Pete Baganz, Tingting Schwartz, Elena Thoma, Maria Were, Aaron Spike, Linda Kramer.
- Cindy introduced new professors Aaron Robinson, Luke Thompson, Daniel Waldschmidt.

Minutes from the April 27, 2021 meeting can be found on the [MLC website](#).

Report for the Field Experiences Office – Dr. Cindy Whaley on behalf of the committee

- Paul Tess retired at the end of May, 2021. A committee currently performs the duties of the Director of Field Experiences.
- Assignments from 2021 can be found in the presentation slide 4.
- Eight students accepted emergency calls in 2021.

Report from the Director of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education – Dr. John Meyer

Competency Based Education

- MLC's Teaching Ministry Certification cannot keep pace with the number of teachers in WELS schools who did not graduate from MLC.
- Intended for second-career or those with home responsibilities that keep them from moving to New Ulm for school.
- Those enrolled would take general education and content courses at a local college.
- Competencies would be met in various ways to equal comparable course credits at MLC.

- Next steps are to secure funding, add a Director and Instructional Designer, and to obtain accreditor and state licensure approval.

Currently a group from MLC exists to study Critical Race Theory. It is being viewed through a Biblical lens, but the group notes the value of viewing CRT from other perspectives.

Report from the MLC Unit Leader/Licensure Officer – Dr. Cindy Whaley

PELSB's Review of MLC Programs

- MLC submitted a required report in December 2020 and received results in July 2021.
- Results can be found in the presentation slides 32-38.

Professor Peter Baganz presented the proposed changes to the History/Social Studies Curriculum. See presentation slides for details.

Dr. James Carlovsky presented the approved changes to the Mathematics curriculum. See presentation slides for details.

Dr. Cindy Whaley expressed appreciation to cooperating teachers for the Fall 2021 semester. See presentation slides for details.

PELSB has started a work group to evaluate if the edTPA is the best assessment for teacher performance in the state of Minnesota. If not, a different assessment would be chosen.

The group analyzed the literacy clinical data. LAC members in attendance who also serve as cooperating teachers showed approval of the standards MLC selected to collect data on.

J-term, if approved, would begin in 2023-2024. All clinicals would happen during the J-term.

There are no local K-8 Spanish programs. MLC is currently looking at placing the Spanish endorsement student teacher at St. Croix Academy in West St. Paul.

MACTE confirmed that there will be SEPs and a number of standards with language changed to be more inclusive.

Discussion

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 26, 2022.

Adjournment