

Meeting Minutes
Professional Education Council
3:30pm – Wednesday, February 11, 2026
Room 3073
(Zoom option available in calendar invite)

Attendance:

Committee Chair: Dr. Jennifer Klemm

Members: Dr. Nicholas Brake, Dr. Ellen Casale, Dr. David Castleman, Dr. Nick Fortune, Dr. Nancy Hulan, Dr. Pamela Jukes, Dr. Thomas Kingery, Dr. Stacey Leggett, Dr. Jeremy Logsdon, Dr. Hope Marchionda, Dr. Erin Margarella, Dr. Cynthia Mason, Dr. Mark McAndrews, Dr. Kerrie McDaniel, Dr. Angela Nagel, Carnetta Skipworth, Dr. Kandy Smith, Dr. Melissa Stewart, Dr. Janet Tassell, Dr. Mindy Waldrop, Dr. Erin Warfel, Dr. Catherine Wilson

Advisory Members: Dr. Margie DeSander, Dr. Jennifer Hammonds, Dr. Susan Keeseey, Chris Stunson,

Guests: Dr. Sarah Bonis, Dr. Trudy Little, Mandy Zeh, Josiah Super

Meeting started at 3:33pm

1. Approval of Minutes & Agenda
 - a. Approval of the minutes from the December 10, 2025, meeting
 - i. Motion: Leggett
 - ii. Second: Marchionda
 - iii. Approved/Deny: Add Melissa Stewart to December minutes. Approve with Edits
 - b. Approval of Agenda for January 11, 2026, meeting
 - i. Motion: DeSander
 - ii. Second: Fortune
 - iii. Approved/Deny: Approved
2. EPSB updates from Professional Education Unit Head – Dean Murphy
 - a. Dr. Keeseey reported - Grade Banding: Meeting next Tuesday. Still working on specialist positions in Science and Math. Will be submitted by end of next semester.
3. Accreditation & Continuous Improvement – Dr. Klemm
 - a. CAEP Key Assessment Data Collection Reminders
 - i. Manual collection F25 & S26
 1. Klemm and Lucas Green just training with IT to get things integrated with Blackboard.

2. Will get feedback from faculty to get feedback on how to set up so that it will be user friendly.
 - ii. Initial Programs 5A, 5B, and 6 & MAT Dispositions
 - iii. Undergraduate dispositions are being collected via Google Forms (OPES)
 1. Must update the admission link.
 2. Student Teacher link is accurate.
 - iv. Advanced: Final Common Capstone Rubric and Dispositions
 - v. Student Teachers are still in Anthology for F25 & S26
 - vi. [Education CAEP Data Collection](#)
 - vii. [Initial Programs Key Assessment Table](#)
4. Office of Professional Educator Services (Chris Stunson, Director)
 - a. Candidates completing Requirements for [Admission to the PEU](#)
 - b. Candidates for [Student Teaching](#)
5. New Business
6. PEC Curriculum Review (Vice-Chair, Stacy Leggett)

Program Proposals: <https://nextcatalog.wku.edu/programadmin/course>

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 - a. Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education
 - i. Course Change Request: IECE 421: Advanced Curriculum and Instruction for Infants and Toddlers- Dr. Trudy Little Presented
 1. Motion: Casale, motion to bundle (421 and 422)
 2. Second: Logsdon
 3. Approve/Deny: Approve
 - ii. Course Change Request: IECE 422: Advanced Curriculum Development for Young Children- Dr. Trudy Little Presented
 1. Motion: Logsdon (Bundle)
 2. Second: Tassell
 3. Approve/Deny: Approve
 - iii. Course Change Request: LTCY 310: Early Reading, Language and Literacy- Dr. Trudy Little Presented
 1. Motion: Casale
 2. Second: Logsdon
 3. Approve/Deny: Approve
 - iv. New Course Proposal: IECE 510: Early Reading, Language and Literacy- Dr. Trudy Little Presented
 1. Motion: Fortune
 2. Second: Marchionda
 3. Approve/Deny: Approve

- v. Course Change Request: IECE 520: Organizing Programs for Early Childhood Special Education- Dr. Trudy Little Presented
 - 1. Motion: Motion to bundle (520 through 524): DeSander
 - 2. Second: Marchionda
 - 3. Approve/Deny: Approve
 - 4. Motion: Motion to approve: Tassell
 - 5. Second: Fortune
 - 6. Approve to Bundle all courses: Approve
- vi. Course Change Request: IECE 521: Assessment in Early Childhood Special Education- Dr. Trudy Little Presented
 - 1. Motion: Bundle
 - 2. Second:
 - 3. Approve/Deny:
- vii. Course Change Request: IECE 522: Family-Focused Services- Dr. Trudy Little Presented
 - 1. Motion: Bundle
 - 2. Second:
 - 3. Approve/Deny:
- viii. Course Change Request: IECE 523: Planning Curriculum and Instruction in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education- Dr. Trudy Little
 - 1. Motion: Bundle
 - 2. Second:
 - 3. Approve/Deny:
- ix. Course Change Request: IECE 524: Internship in Early Childhood Special Education- Dr. Trudy Little
 - 1. Motion: Bundle
 - 2. Second:
 - 3. Approve/Deny:
- x. Course Change Request: IECE 525: Special Topics in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education – Trudy Little
 - 1. Motion: Marchionda
 - 2. Second: Fortune
 - 3. Approve/Deny: Approve
- xi. Program Change Request: 526: Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education, Bachelor of Science- Dr. Trudy Little Presented
 - 1. Motion: Marchionda

2. Second: Fortune
 3. Approve/Deny: Friendly amendment to move concentrations to the bottom section, list Jump courses in text (delete from course list), need to know what name needs to be attached to IECE in concentration section: Approve
- xii. Program Change Request: 0460: Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education, Birth to Primary, for Initial Certification- Dr. Trudy Little Presented
 1. Motion: Logsdon
 2. Second: Fortune
 3. Approve/Deny: Approve
- xiii. Program Change Request: 0461: Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education, Birth to Primary - Dr. Trudy Little Presented
 1. Motion: Marchionda
 2. Second: Tassell
 3. Approve/Deny: Approve
- b. Special Education
 - i. Course Change Request: SPED 523: Curriculum/Methods in Early Childhood Special Education- Dr. Trudy Little Presented
 1. Motion: Fortune
 2. Second: Marchionda
 3. Approve/Deny: Approve
 - ii. Program Change Request: 0438: Special Education for Moderate and Severe Disabilities – Ellen Casale Presented
 1. Motion: DeSander
 2. Second: Marchionda
 3. Approve/Deny: Friendly amendment to add language to courses: Approve
 - iii. Program Change Request: 0456: Special Education for Initial Certification – Ellen Casale Presented
 1. Motion: Marchionda
 2. Second: Fortune
 3. Approve/Deny: Friendly amendment to edit to remove Rachel from program admissions and add Christina Heady: Approve
- c. Teacher Education
 - i. Program Change Request: 0500: Advanced Teacher Education – Dr Janet Tassell presented.

1. Motion: Kessey
 2. Second: Jukes
 3. Approve/Deny: Approve with friendly amendment to delete College and Career Readiness
- ii. Program Change Request: 0482: Gifted Education and Talent Development – Dr. Janet Tassell Presented
 1. Motion: Marchionda
 2. Second: Logsdon
 3. Approve/Deny: Approve
- iii. Program Change Request: 0503: Gifted Education/Talent Development & Advanced Instructional Practice – Dr. Janet Tassell Presented
 1. Motion: Marchionda
 2. Second: Logsdon
 3. Approve/Deny: Approve
- iv. Program Change Request: 132: Certification Only, Teacher Education – Dr. Janet Tassell Presented
 1. Motion: Marchionda
 2. Second: Logsdon
 3. Approve/Deny: Approve
- d. School Psychology
 - i. Course Change Request: PSY 540 – Advanced Developmental Psychopathology – Dr. Sarah Bonis Presented
 1. Motion: Fortune
 2. Second: Casale
 3. Approve/Deny: Approve
 - ii. Course Change Request: PSY 643 – Psychoeducational Assessment – Dr. Sarah Bonis Presented
 1. Motion: Marchionda
 2. Second: Fortune
 3. Approve/Deny: Approve
 - iii. New Course Proposal: PSY 644: Evidence-Based Instructional Strategies and Academic Interventions – Dr. Sarah Bonis Presented
 1. Motion: Marchionda
 2. Second: Fortune
 3. Approve/Deny: Approve
 - iv. Program Change Request: 147: School Psychology – Dr. Sarah Bonis Presented

1. Motion: Fortune
2. Second: Casale
3. Approve/Deny: Friendly amendment to edit to move PSY 644 to fall numerically: Approve

7. Other Business

- a. No other business

8. Adjournment

- a. Motion to Adjourn: DeSander
- b. Second: Smith
- c. Meeting adjourned at: 4:37pm