TEACHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Section A. Membership

The Teacher Education Committee shall consist of one faculty member from each academic division or school, the Chair of Teacher Education, Director of Field Experiences, and Assessment Coordinator. These faculty members shall be chosen by their respective units from faculty members who have professional preparation and experience in Teacher Education. They shall be elected prior to September 1. In addition, two public school teachers, one elementary and one secondary, and one public school administrator shall be members as well as two students enrolled in the VCSU program, with one majoring in Elementary Education and one enrolled in Secondary Education. The Chair of Teacher Education, in consultation with the committee, will select public and student members. All of the aforementioned shall be voting members of the Committee, except the chair, who shall vote only in the case of a tie. Terms consist of two years. Members may serve multiple consecutive terms. In the event any member is unable to complete his or her term, a replacement will be selected according to the processes outlined above.

Section B. Officers

The Chair of Teacher Education shall chair the Teacher Education Committee.

Section C. Responsibilities of the Committee

The Chair will ensure that minutes from meetings are forwarded to the Faculty Association Secretary within two weeks from the date of the last meeting, and submit a summary of committee activities no later than the first Senate meeting of the following year.

Committee activities shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Assisting the Chair of Teacher Education and the Director of Field Experiences in the administration of admission to Teacher Education and admission to Student Teaching. The Committee shall, by vote, admit, deny admission, or grant provisional admission to Teacher Education. After reviewing student progress the Committee shall vote to admit or deny admission to student teaching.

2. Reviewing curricula changes including the introduction of new courses, adjustments in programs, changes in exiting courses, the addition of programs of study which relate directly to Teacher Education. The Committee shall provide advice and consent to the institutional Curriculum Committee concerning any curricular proposals before that Committee affecting Teacher Education.

3. Periodically reviewing the policies which govern Teacher Education. The Committee shall provide advice and consent to policy changes initiated by institutional committees, or the School of Education and Graduate Studies which directly affect the administration of the Teacher Education program.

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