



**Department of Teacher Education & Leadership
Professional Education Advisory Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 (3:30 – 4:30 p.m.)

Minutes

<https://zoom.us/j/6892579946>

Attendance: Stafford, Hankins, Gann, Salvant, Keys, Melancon, Maier, Barlow, W. Wilson, Holbert, Busbea, Dyson, W. Wilson, Melton, S. Carmicle, Horlock

- **Welcome**— Dr. Jennifer Stafford
 - Approval of Minutes
 - Approval of Agenda

- **Greetings from Dean Melton**

Dr. Melton thanked everyone for their support of PEAC.
- **University and Departmental Reports**
 - University Updates
 - Focus on Advising for Quality Improvements
 - Drs. Rachel Peeples and Martha D’Amico, QEP Co-Directors
 - Dr. Peeples shared that advising questionnaires have been disseminated and individual meetings with departments have been concluded.

 - Departmental Updates
 - Ms. Christi Wall, TEL Administrative Assistant
 - Welcome the TEL’s new admin assistant. She will become full-time in June.
 - Dr. Audra Rester
 - Dr. Rester will be moving with her family. April will be her last month on campus.
 - Dr. Cheryl White
 - Dr. White is retiring. The TEL is hosting a retirement reception on the 18th.
 - Educators Rising 2024 at MS College
 - TEL hosted nearly 700 highschool students from across our state. They had a successful time of competitions and getting to know about our departments on campus.

- **New Teacher Leader Specialist Program- FALL 2024 Start Date!**
 - Dr. Holbert, Program Coordinator

- Dr. Holbert shared that we are ready for applicants. Fall 2024 will be our new enrollment semester. Please go online to our SOE site to link to our new Teacher Leader Programs.

- **Newly Proposed Dyslexia Therapy Specialist Degree Program**

- Mrs. Jordan Salvant, Program Coordinator
- The new EDS in Dyslexia Therapy will be going through committee votes this fall. The proposed start date for the new program is Fall 2025, with recruitment and applications being accepted in Summer 2025.

- **From the Fall's Discussion Topics**

What ideas or questions do you have and/or what information would you like to share regarding data trends and what the university can do to support your educators?

- SLLA Data Review and Plans
 - SLLA data trends were presented. Dr. Stafford shared that ethical decision making will be the focus of change in both the Masters and Specialist Programs. The ADVANCED committee will be working with professors of the leadership courses to add more applicable information on ethical leadership. In addition, more SLLA data review questions will be added to each class, in order to ensure more practice opportunities for candidates prior to taking the SLLA test.
- SPED Summer online
 - TEL is offering an opportunity to obtain the SPED endorsement, as requested by our community partners, in one summer. Candidates can begin in Maymester and conclude all hours by August. Registration information has been mailed and emailed to each district in the state.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Have an Amazing Summer!