Educator Preparation Advisory Council (EPAC)
April 23, 2015

Start: 4:05
Attendees:
Daniel Martinez, Tia Agan, Walter Holik, Christine Pruitt, Wendy Storms, John Miazga, Laura Strube, Jim Summerlin, Linda Lucksinger, Hillary Choate and John Choate

Teacher Education: Linda Lucksinger
• Thank you for the wonderful school partnerships
• Our candidates get excellent field experiences on your campuses
• Teacher Education is in the process of hiring new faculty for the fall

Curriculum and Instruction: Jim Summerlin
• Programs are growing, especially Guidance and Counseling
• 806 active students to date
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EPIC: Wendy Storms
• Advising Center is open M-F 8-5, and is a resource for anyone in the community
• Available to answer all certification questions

College of Education
• Dual Credit
  ◦ Master of Arts in C&I: Dual Credit
    • 18 hours in C&I
    • 18 hours in content
  ◦ Schools gets money from ASU then can intern disperse to teachers
  ◦ Very good and beneficial to students
    • students take dual credit courses for free
• New Evaluations System (T-Tess/P-Tess)
  ◦ Majority of pilot districts picked only teacher evaluation to start with
  ◦ Suggested evaluations, not mandated
    • Teacher system must be approved by TEA
• New Teacher Evaluation
  ◦ Ballinger, Brownwood and Bronte (Pilot Schools)
  ◦ Del Rio and San Saba (now added to pilot)
• New Principal Evaluation
  ◦ Ballinger (pilot year)
• ASU wants input from districts on what needs to be added to help with these evaluation systems
Issues/Accolades

• Great clinical teachers (Wall)
• Deficient in bilingual teachers (ASU)
• Poll students for Bilingual Training at Region Center
• How are we doing when it comes to Science Teachers?
  ○ A need across the district (Region XV)
  ○ Lost two science teachers, four applicants total (Wall)
• A need for technology teachers (Wall)
• Shortage of Math teachers
• Concerned about EC6 CORE
  ○ Math has seemed to be most troublesome because it is timed, not enough time
  ○ ELAR concerns, but they have had enough time

Adjourned: 4:45