**Minutes**

**Counselor Education Advisory Council Meeting**

**Thursday, April 22, 2021**

**4:30 to 5:30 pm**

1. Welcome and Introductions – LaTonya McGuire, Barbara Valente, Abby Gorbatoff, Sadie Sturdivant, Deidre Nelson, Hope Bonitz, Dr. Rod Sheppard, Dr. Quinn Pearson, Dr. Amy Davis, Dr. Kevin Stoltz, Jeffery Brothers, Kiara Erbe.
2. Review and Approval of the Minutes from the December 3, 2020 Advisory Council Meeting – Dr. Amy Davis made a motion to approve the minutes, Dr. Kevin Stoltz seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.
3. CACREP Updates – The CACREP mid-cycle report was submitted this summer. In January, the department received the good news that CACREP accepted the report as written. The next self-study will need to be submitted in June 2024. Dr. Quinn Pearson reported that the faculty decided to apply for reaccreditation under the 2016 standards rather than the 2024 standards, an option given the timing of our accreditation cycle. Dr. Sheppard expressed support for this decision. This fall, all faculty members will receive training from CACREP on how to submit a self-study.
4. Update on new faculty member – Dr. Chris DaSambiagio-Moore has completed the doctorate and will join the department in the fall semester. He and the department are working together to ensure a smooth transition.
5. Enrollment and 2021 – 2022 course offerings – Overall enrollment and credit hour production in counselor education have increased steadily over the last five years due to significant increases in the number of clinical mental health counseling students. Although the school counseling program enrollment has experienced some decline, enrollment is increasing due to marketing efforts, particularly by Dr. Amy Davis. The department is offering additional sections of courses in the upcoming academic year, including separate internship sections for clinical mental health and school counseling interns. LaTonya McGuire expressed support for this separation, which will allow school counseling interns to be supervised by Dr. Davis, whose background is in school counseling.

1. Research collaborations – Dr. Stoltz informed the Council that faculty are pursuing outcome research projects, which will engage students and involve partnering with local schools and/or agencies. He asked members to consider whether they are interested in participating in future projects.
2. Other business- Thank you to LaTonya McGuire for serving on the advisory council.
3. Next meeting will be in December 2021.