



“Our Finest Hour” May 15, 2020

Good Soggy Friday Morning COE:

Now all the vegetables in the garden are under four inches of water. Guess I should have planted rice.

Just a few minutes ago, Provost Einhellig announced to the Missouri State University Board of Governors that we have been fully accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). Yesterday, CAEP sent Missouri State University a letter notifying us of this final decision made by the Accreditation Council. We have met all CAEP Standards at the undergraduate (initial) and graduate (advanced) levels and are therefore fully accredited through 2026. In next week’s Post, I will provide more information about what this means. In sum for now, it means the hard work by scores of faculty and staff over the past six years has been recognized by a national organization. Thank you, all.

While it would be cumbersome to recognize each individual who contributed to the CAEP effort, I do want to recognize a handful of key individuals. Dr. Barri Tinkler began managing the CAEP self-study near the end of the process and helped the writing team of Dr. Ximena Uribe-Zarain, Kim Dubree, Travis Marler and Judy Gregg complete that report and respond to “Areas for Improvement” (AFIs) inherited from our last national review by NCATE. Dr. Tinkler and her team also organized the site visit and wrote the Rejoinder to the site team’s report. Dr. Tinkler has managed our Continuous Improvement Seminar Series and attended the Accreditation Council review as recently as three weeks ago.

Two years ago, we reorganized the CAEP Standard Work Groups and chairs of each. Approximately 85 faculties, staff, PK-12 partners, and community members participated in this process. Under the leadership of Dr. Chris Craig, deputy provost and head of the EPPU, Dr. Karen Engler, director of secondary education, Dr. Andrew Homberg, Provost fellow for education, and a number of EPPC leaders contributed and provided the leadership necessary to coordinate efforts with secondary programs throughout other academic colleges at MSU. Thanks to you all.

Keep Calm & Thanks to All,

David