



## WINTHROP UNIVERSITY • SCHOOL Partnership Network

**Partnership Advisory Council**  
**January 20, 2022 ~ 4:15 – 5:30 pm**  
Virtual meeting through Zoom

*Attended - 33*

### **I. Welcome and Announcements**

- A. Welcome - Dr. Bettie Parsons Barger
- B. EDCO Partnership Advisory Council meeting – thank you

### **II. Budget Update – Dr. Beth Costner, Interim Dean**

- A. Probably not a surprise that Winthrop's enrollment is dropping and has been for years. But COVID has caused a dramatic drop in enrollment. The cost of education is fueling this.
- B. We're seeing for the 1<sup>st</sup> time a dramatic drop in retention after education students are admitted to Teacher Education (after the sophomore year). It used to be about 90% of these students were retained - it's well below that now.
- C. Successful completion of Internship I is not leading to students continuing with Internship 2 as in the past. Some of these students are moving to interdisciplinary degrees - Education Studies, for example.
- D. Another factor is we had the same budget model for many years, which was that departments / area had the same budget as the year before. But if your area is growing this doesn't work.
- E. The new budget model is based on enrollment but COE's enrollment has dropped which means a smaller budget.
- F. Winthrop and COE leaders are having serious talks about how we're going to make dramatic cuts needed over the next few years and we've been asked to make these over the next 2 years.
- G. COE enrollment has dropped 29.2% since 2017. From F20-21 it dropped 15.7%.
- H. There has been a significant drop in enrollment in the past 2-3 years.
  - 1. Winthrop watched this happen at other universities while WU's enrollment was going up. But now lower enrollment is affecting Winthrop.
- I. At the graduate level, since 2017 COE's graduate enrollment dropped 27% but only 1% since last year.
  - 1. Graduate and MAT programs seem very healthy. Enrollment in M.Ed. in Educational Leadership and Counseling, Leadership, & Educational Studies is good.
- J. Student caps - early field courses. We went from 25 to 20 and now we need to go back to 25 or 26-27.
- K. Institution is trying to get to faculty/student ratio of 14:1 current COE is 12:1. In 2019 it was 13:1.
- L. How to do supervision loads / not just how many courses a faculty member is teaching but the credit hours. Supervisors are not as flexible when they can meet and visit schools as they used

to be. Now they may teach a full load and supervise. Administrators are also being asked to pick up courses. We're having to make dramatic cuts and it's not going to be easy.

**III. Partnership School Agreement – Dr. Bettie Parsons Barger**

- A. Is what we're doing still working?
- B. Breakout rooms.
- C. Early Field Retention.

**IV. Role Agreement for Liaisons – Dr. Bettie Parsons Barger**

- A. Breakout rooms
- B. Talking with other liaisons - doesn't really happen?
  - 1. Not meeting in person.
- C. Professional Development for teacher candidates - always looking for ideas.
- D. New initiative for guided math.
- E. Topic - How do you talk to parents? A parent group, teacher, and administrator who could talk about how parent-teacher-administrator communication works.

**V. Rex Institute website update – Dr. Lisa Johnson**

- A. [www.winthrop.edu/coe/rex](http://www.winthrop.edu/coe/rex)
- B. 10 years ago - 3 years ago, we were told we'd have to move this website.
- C. The new website does not support Word documents - only PDFs.
- D. We had to change all the Word documents to editable PDFs.
- E. They may look different but it's all the same info.
- F. Delete links to the old website as they won't work.

**VI. Partnership Conference**

- A. Save the Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022- in person, virtual, hybrid?
- B. [Quick Qualtrics](#)

**VII. Updates**

- A. Newsletter ideas? Fall and spring editions (send ideas to Bettie Parsons)
- B. [Partnership Network brochures](#)
- C. Banners - WU and school split replacement banner cost – approx. \$60 each

**VIII. Other Business?**

**IX. Adjournment**

**Next Virtual Meeting Date: March 3, 2022**

(see website for future dates, agendas, and minutes

<https://www.winthrop.edu/coe/rex/partnership-advisory-council.aspx>)