

Summarization of Society of Educators Special Meeting on Nov. 17

This special meeting called to help inform Western Illinois education majors on what they needed to complete before gaining licensure in the state of Iowa. This meeting was held from 12:32 p.m. until 1:37 p.m. on Nov. 17, 2016 in room 1212 on the Quad City campus of Western Illinois University.

In attendance were SOE officers Taylor Newman (president), Kelly Tyler (vice president), Sydney Sottos (treasurer) and Christopher James (secretary). Also in attendance were six other WIU education students to bring the total to 10 WIU students. Dr. Laverne Logan (WIU faculty) and Linda Espey (via Skype) also were present at this meeting. Espey represented the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners and provided the information and answered all questions that were brought up during the meeting.

Espey began her presentation by highlighting several key points that the WIU students needed to be aware of which included:

- Iowa does not have reciprocity with other states when it came to certain licensure requirements
- The processing time to look at any information that is submitted to the board usually was at least one month
- Candidates had to pass approved assessments which may include the Praxis II content assessment or ed-TPA
- To apply to the BOEE, candidates needed to go to www.boee.iowa.gov. Other questions could also be answered at that website
- In order to gain licensure in Iowa, an extensive background check was needed

Espey then went on to discuss the situation that several of the WIU students were in. Candidates needed to have their Illinois license and then pass one of the content assessments. Most likely for the WIU students, this meant passing the ed-TPA assessment. A score of 41 or better was needed on the exam to pass. This is slightly different than Illinois where the baseline score is 35.

Espey pointed out that if students wanted to find out where these assessments could be found, they could visit ets.org for more information.

There were several questions asked of Espey after the initial presentation. Some of these included the cost of applying for an Iowa license, if there were any additional classes that might needed to be completed, can some candidates be hired on temporary licenses and when students might want to start checking for job openings in the spring in Iowa.

Espey also pointed out that the Iowa marketplace for education jobs was at the website TeachIowa.gov.

The meeting was concluded after the question and answer session at approximately 1:37 p.m.

Special thanks to Sydney Sottos and Dr. Logan for helping arrange the meeting with Espey and allowing the meeting to take place in Dr. Logan's science room.

Submitted respectfully,

Christopher James

Secretary of Society of Educators