

Indiana University School of Education Council
 CONSTITUTION
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A framework for university-wide cooperation shall be established, with the intent to ensure that Indiana University Schools of Education professional education programs best serve the interests of the students for whom they were designed, that the traditions of local campus autonomy and faculty governance of academic programs are preserved and promoted, and that all Schools of Education programs, wherever housed or delivered, meet relevant state and national accreditation standards.

Article I: Local Campus Governance Bodies

Section 1. Establishment

Each Indiana University campus shall organize a faculty-based, professional education program governance body (hereafter referred to as a "campus governance body").

Section 2. Authority

Each campus governance body shall share oversight of professional education programs offered through that campus, through membership on the Indiana University School of Education Council.

Section 3. Definitions

A professional education program is one that leads to any transcribed degree such as an associate degree, bachelor degree, master's degree, educational specialist degree, and/or doctoral degree; any transcribed academic program of study such as a minor or major; undergraduate or graduate certificate program; and any state, national, international certificate, credential, or license which is conferred or recommended by faculty, administration, or staff on any Indiana University campus.

Article II. School of Education Governance Body

Section 1. Establishment

An Indiana University-wide, faculty-based, professional education program governance body shall be established. This body shall be referred to as the School of Education Council.

Section 2. Authority

The School of Education Council (or "Education Council") shall review all professional education programs offered at Indiana University.

The Education Council's responsibilities shall be limited to programmatic issues and concerns, and shall not extend to matters involving individual faculty members or students.

The principal functions of the Education Council shall be to:

Approve new professional education programs and courses.

Approve modifications to professional education programs and courses.

Resolve conflicting policies and procedures, which affect professional education programs.

Discuss and make recommendations of issues and policies affecting education programs throughout the Schools of Education.

Section 3. Composition

The Dean of the Indiana University School of Education – Bloomington shall chair the School of Education Council through the 2020-2021 academic year. Beginning in the 2021-2022 academic year, the Chair shall be elected by the Education Council from among the education deans for a three-year appointment. The Chair shall serve as an ex officio member of the Council and vote only in the case of a tie.

The Education Council shall consist of ten faculty-voting members as follows:

Two members each from Bloomington and IUPUI. One faculty member each from Columbus, East, Kokomo, Northwest, South Bend and Southeast.

The Secretary of the Education Council is appointed by the Chair and is an ex-officio member of the Council.

The campus governance body at each Indiana University campus shall determine its own method of identifying its representative(s) to the Education Council. Additionally, the campus governance body at each Indiana University campus shall determine its own method of identifying an alternate representative(s) if its primary representative is unable to represent their campus.

Section 4. Meetings

The School of Education Council shall meet on a regular basis, but not less than four times per academic year, on a scheduled to be determined by the Chair and the Agenda Committee.

Education Council meeting sites shall be determined by a majority of its members and can be held on any IU campus or property.

Conduct of all Education Council meetings shall be governed by *Robert's Rules of Order*.

Section 5. Quorum

A quorum of the School of Education Council shall consist of six voting members from at least five campuses.

Article III: Amendments

An amendment to this Constitution or its bylaws may be proposed by a majority vote of any campus governance body, or by a majority vote of the School of Education Council, or by the Education Council's Agenda Committee.

All proposals to amend the Constitution or bylaws shall be directed to the Chair of the Education Council. The Chair shall bring proposed amendments forward for Education Council action. Approval by the Education Council requires a majority vote.

Following Education Council approval, a proposed amendment shall be reviewed and voted upon by each campus governance body. Approval of amendments by campus governance bodies requires a majority vote.

The results of campus governance body votes on proposed amendments shall be forwarded to the Chair of the Education Council.

To be ratified, proposed Constitutional or bylaw amendments must be approved by a majority of campus governance bodies.

Amendments ratified by a majority of campus governance bodies shall go into effect immediately.

Article IV: Scope

The functions of the Indiana University School of Education Council are limited to those granted by this Constitution and its bylaws.

No campus governance body shall infringe on the functions, which this Constitution and its bylaws grant to the School of Education Council.

The School of Education Council shall not interpret or apply this Constitution or its bylaws in such a manner as to infringe upon campus governance body oversight of professional education programs beyond the scope of this document.

Article V: Ratification

This Constitution and bylaws shall be in effect from the date of ratification by a majority of campus governance bodies.

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