School of Education Committee Descriptions

Teacher Education Council Committee
The Teacher Education Council serves as the governance unit for the teacher education program at Southern Nazarene University. All policy, program and assessment decisions affecting the teacher education program are made by this organization. Membership includes Teacher Education Department faculty (School of Education), teacher education program specific faculty (P-12 Program Areas), and P-12 community/stakeholder representatives (teacher and administrator).

Teacher Education Advisory Committee
The teacher education advisory committee is an accountability, advisory and assessment focused group of individuals representing teacher education faculty, teacher education program specific faculty, general education faculty, university administration, teacher education candidates (undergraduate and graduate) and members of P-12 community/stakeholders. This committee regularly evaluates program effectiveness, reviews data and assessment practices and policies, and makes recommendations for program improvement.

Teacher Education Bias Review Committee
The SNU School of Education bias review committee is responsible for regularly reviewing all School of Education documents, forms, data collection methods, policies and publications for accuracy, bias and fairness. This committee is comprised of individual faculty and staff representatives from outside the SNU School of Education, and also includes local community and stakeholder representation. School of Education information for review will be sent to individual bias review committee members at least once per semester for individual review. The bias review committee will then make recommendations to the teacher education council. The teacher education council, the School of Education governance unit, will make any decisions regarding recommendations of the bias committee.

Teacher Candidate Advisory Committee
The teacher candidate advisory committee consists of students representing every area of emphasis/major in the SNU teacher education program. Through this committee, teacher candidates in the SNU School of Education have an opportunity to express concerns/feedback/suggestions regarding the programs and policies of teacher education at SNU.

Teacher Education Admissions Committee
The Southern Nazarene University teacher education admissions committee is a group comprised of teacher education faculty, general education faculty, program specific faculty and P-12 community/stakeholders representation. This committee is responsible for conducting teacher education admissions interviews in the fall and spring semesters of each academic year, and as needed for individuals repeating interviews. Based on established criteria and requirements for admission to the SNU teacher education program, the committee will make recommendations to the director of teacher education and the teacher education council for admission of teacher candidates to the program. Committee members conduct interviews of candidates based on the following areas: communication/verbal articulation skills, dispositions/aptitudes, professionalism/demeanor, and conceptual framework articulation. Committee also follows the established requirements (coursework, GPA, OGET, etc.)
for recommending admission of teacher candidates to the program. Interviews are scored using the SNU teacher education program admission interview guide and are scored using UNACCEPTABLE, ACCEPTABLE, and TARGET indicators for each of the four areas of evaluation.

**Teacher Education Curriculum Committee**
The curriculum committee for teacher education at Southern Nazarene University is responsible for oversight of the SNU reading resource center, the professional education collection at the Learning Resources Center, and for reviewing professional education syllabi and coursework reference material. It is also responsible for monitoring and updating bibliography and resources for the conceptual framework for SNU teacher education. The committee also provides direction and oversight for the teacher candidate resource center located in the School of Education. Membership on the teacher education curriculum committee includes SNU professional education faculty, director of SNU learning resource center, a member of the P-12 community/stakeholders, student assistant in the SNU reading resource center, and a teacher candidate (admitted to SNU teacher education program).

**Teacher Education Diversity Committee**
The teacher education diversity committee consists of SNU campus community members, the professional community (stakeholders), the P-12 community and representatives of both current teacher candidates and graduates of the SNU teacher education program. Through this committee, feedback, recommendations and input are provided to the teacher education council regarding diversity issues and aspects regarding the SNU teacher education program. The diversity committee also participates in panel discussions in the diversity seminar (ED 4710) for student teachers and assists in providing information and participating in discussions and special presentations within individual courses in the teacher education program.