

Teacher Education Council End of Year Report 2019-2020
Chair: Myra Lovett, Ed.D.

The council is comprised of faculty across disciplines to speak to current issues in education. The group met in the fall to recap what had taken place as a result of last year's council and to have discussions and make recommendations moving forward. Last year's focus on STEM -related opportunities were shared including increased usage of the VR Lab and the addition of STEM lessons in the community for homeschooled, elementary students. Dr. Ava Pugh initiated this with her teacher candidates with much success. Additional VR equipment and virtual science lesson resources were implemented into science methods courses as a result. This addition is now in its second cycle with much positive feedback from the community and teacher candidates.

This year's topics included opportunities for our candidates and K-12 partners with the new museum opening in the coming year. Recommendations included the possibility of alignment of museum offerings with Louisiana Student Standards and training with sciences and technology on campus for candidate preparation and K-12 student opportunities. Kim Tolson will be contacted about this opportunity and see how the School of Education can support the museum's outreach.