

Teacher Education Council End of Year Report 2018-2019
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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 preparation of teachers for school safety training has been addressed via a coordinated effort of professional development and field practice with the ULM Police Department. Mrs. Kennedy presented to the Council on the progress regarding this. This campus safety training included best practices in lockdown and active shooter drills. Candidates' responses were very positive and affirming of this experience. It has been added to the residency professional development schedule via Heather Kennedy's seminar class.

This year's topics included active learning STEM-related opportunities for our candidates and K-12 partners. Recommendations included the possibility of cross-discipline training with sciences and technology on campus for candidate preparation and K-12 student opportunities. The use of the VR Lab on campus and co-planning/co-teaching in STEM Methods classes were some suggestions moving forward. These were brought to the methods faculty in late fall with plans to implement as early as Spring 2019 and the next year.

One of the science methods courses hosted a class in the VR Lab in Spring 2019 with much success. This faculty member will share with the committee in the Fall 2019 about progress and next steps in this initiative.