Secondary Education Program Changes - 2015

1. School Health was eliminated as a USU teaching major and minor

2. Theatre Education – both major and minor requirements were adjusted to meet the National Association of Theatre and Utah State Office of Education standards

3. Course approval changes were approved for the following programs:
   - Art Education
   - Business Education

Policy Changes

The Council approved the following policy changes:

- The Speech and Hearing test (required for admission into Teacher Education) fee will be reduced from $10 to $5 and students will now be assessed a $5 writing exam fee.

- New Teacher Education Writing Exam (required for admission into Teacher Education):
  - Students will be given a choice of writing a descriptive essay or a persuasive letter.
  - Twenty-eight new prompts have been developed to reduce any language bias for ethnically diverse students and students whose first language is not English.
  - The test administration time has been increased to two hours.
  - The grading rubric is based on the six-traits of writing (development and elaboration of ideas, logical organization, word choice, voice, sentence fluency, and conventions).
  - A student must receive a minimum score of 24/36 to pass.
- Students are assessed a $5 fee to compensate the cost of scoring their exam.
- All essays are read by a minimum of two trained scorers. If there is a disagreement with the two scorers, the essay will receive a third read.
- New videos have been completed by the Writing Center and are available online to assist students in taking and passing the writing exam.
- Dual Language Immersion Student Teaching: If possible, the student teacher will be placed in one school that will provide student teaching experiences in the major, minor, and DLI. If not possible, the student teacher will be placed in one
school for the major and minor but the experience will be shortened by three weeks. The DLI placement will occur during the last three weeks of the student teaching experience.

- Waive the ITLS 4015 Technology for Teachers course requirement
  - English Education
  - Theatre Education
- Sociology and Psychology Minors’ Clinical and Student Teaching Placements – when no field placements are available in the content area classes, placements will be with a teacher who is teaching content well-suited to including sociology or psychology content.

The Utah State Board of Education approved the following changes:

- Internships: Employed by LEA for one full school year
- Teacher Education Candidates must:
  - Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 at admission and maintain a 3.0 GPA to be recommended for licensing
  - Receive a C or better in all education related and major content courses
- Teacher Education programs may substitute the Praxis II content knowledge tests or the Praxis CORE test for the basic skills test requirement (ACT or SAT)