



Overview of the Creation of the Education Unit's Conceptual
Framework by Stakeholders
Northern Arizona University
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Vision Statement

We develop educational leaders who create tomorrow's opportunities.

- 1/11/05 Dean distributed draft timeline for development to Chairs for discussion and approval
- 1/14/05 Timeline for framework distributed at full faculty meeting and discussed
- 1/20/05 Standing Council on College Priorities (SCCP) charged to take leadership in developing framework; from this point on, ongoing e-mail interchange among members
- 2/2/05 Full faculty meeting (includes distant sites) to discuss framework
- 2/3/05 SCCP discussion of vision statement, new timeline established
- 2/14/05 Full faculty meeting via IITV for discussion of vision/mission
- 2/17/05 SCCP revised work based on faculty feedback; continued exchanges via email
- 3/1/05 Dean distributed draft version of vision, mission, and philosophy to alumni group in Safford for feedback (email responses invited)
- 3/2/05 Dean distributed draft version of vision, mission, philosophy to alumni and high school/middle school teachers in Safford for feedback
- 3/2/05 Web survey sent to all faculty and staff to provide feedback on document (all pieces except for the knowledge base)
- 3/7/05 Full faculty meeting (includes distant sites); feedback invited on vision and mission statement (and encouragement to see the web tool and provide us feedback)
- 3/10/05 Associate Dean conducted an in-depth focus group in Yuma to review the Conceptual Framework. The group included the Superintendent and Associate Superintendent from the Yuma Unified School District, NAU alumni, faculty and staff from NAU-Yuma, and faculty from Arizona Western College.
- 3/20/05 Web survey distributed to members of the University Secondary Teacher Education Committee for review and feedback.
- 4/14/05 SCCP reviews feedback from various groups and revises.
- 4/21/05 Chairs discuss framework and change in goals language (suggested by D. Kain).
- 4/25/05 Full faculty meeting (includes distant sites) reviews revised framework and gives support to submit for ADE review.
- 4/26/05 State Advisory Committee reviews and provides feedback.
- 4/28/05 SCCP makes minor revisions based on feedback from State Advisory Committee; supports document going forward (with understanding further work going on in departments on both the outcomes/assessments and the knowledge base).
- 5/19/05 Chairs agree to existing framework on fall retreat.
- 5/25/05 Faculty members reviewed the Conceptual Framework during the full faculty meeting.
- 6/14/05 COE Dean initially presented the Conceptual Framework with the NAU academic Deans.
- 6/22/05 COE Dean presented the Conceptual Framework to the NAU Council of Deans and Provost for review.
- 8/05 - 5/05 Drafts of the Conceptual Framework were shared at COE monthly faculty meetings.

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- 8/05 - 5/06 Drafts of the Conceptual Framework were shared at monthly COE faculty meetings.
- 10/1/05 After consulting with the COE Leadership Team, the SCCP, and the NCATE Steering Committee, Dean Kain invited faculty members to author parts of the Conceptual Framework's Knowledge Base. Interested authors were selected by the COE Leadership team and they were provided small financial stipends in support of their writing efforts during winter break. (Additional information on the criteria and process for the commissioned writing components is available from the COE Dean's Office.).
- 10/05 - 5/05 Drafts of the Conceptual Framework were shared at monthly NAU NCATE Steering Committee meetings.
- 1/06-4/06 Members of the SCCP provided detailed feedback on the drafts of the commissioned Knowledge Base papers.
- 2/9/06 The Conceptual Framework was presented and discussed in detail during the COE State Advisor Council meeting in Phoenix, AZ. (A list of SAC members is available through the unit's Assessment and Continuous Improvement Portal- <http://coe.nau.edu/aci/>)
- 6/06-8/06 Dean Kain took the lead on revising the Conceptual Framework and giving the document a consistent voice. During the revision and final editing process, the COE Associate Dean and COE Assistant Dean provided feedback to Dean Kain on various drafts.
- 8/1/06 The COE Assistant Dean of Assessment, Evaluation, and Continuous Improvement, began to develop and disseminate widely the education unit's Assessment System component of the Conceptual Framework.
- 8/21/06 During the Fall 2006 Retreat, faculty members in the College of Education spent two hours in small working groups in which they reviewed and made recommendations for revising the Conceptual Framework.
- 9/12/06 At the first 2006-2007 SCCP meeting, the committee agreed to support the version of the Conceptual Framework (pending minor editorial revisions) ratified in the 8/21/06 COE faculty meeting.
- 9/18/06 COE Associate Dean Denzine and COE Assistant Dean Hildebrand independently shared extension revisions to the Conceptual Framework with Dean Kain after attending the NCATE Assessment Workshop in Washington D.C. in September 2006.
- 10/9/06 Dean Kain sent a 2-page Conceptual Framework to all faculty and staff in the College of Education and others within the NCATE Education Unit.
- 9/10/06 Dean Kain sent the 2-page executive summary and full Conceptual Framework to Katharine Rasch, NAU's PETE consultant (PETE program sponsored by AACTE).
- 10/19/06 The College of Education State Advisory Council reviewed the Conceptual Framework and provided some recommended changes to Dean Kain.
- 10/25/06 Feedback obtained on the NAU Conceptual Framework from our PETE Consultant (Dr. Kathe Rasch).
- 2/2/07 A revised Conceptual Framework was shared with the NCATE Steering Committee. The revised document contained more information on the PEU's assessment system.
- 3/9/07 The current Conceptual Framework was shared with the COE's State Advisory Council.
- 3/14/07 A revised Conceptual Framework was shared with the COE Leadership Team. The revised document contained more information on the PEU's assessment system and the draft of a visual model depicting the guiding image.

- 3/16/07 Dean Kain made some formatting changes and grammatical revisions to the Conceptual Framework with input from Associate Dean Denzine and Assistant Dean Hildebrand. In addition, more details about the PEU's assessment system were included. The Conceptual Framework was made available in the COE's ACI portal (Assessment and Continuous Improvement portal). In addition, Dean Kain sent the ACI portal link to all COE faculty members.
- 3/36/07 Dr. Kathy Hildebrand presented the guiding image and revised Conceptual Framework to faculty members during the March 26, 2007 COE faculty meeting.