

Missouri Advisory Board for Educator Preparation Candidates Background Information



Dr. Beth Kania-Gosche, Missouri University of Science & Technology

Dr. Kania-Gosche (Dr. Beth to her students) has been the chair of Missouri S&T's department of education since 2019. She teaches class in assessment and content area literacy, and she considers teaching the best part of her job.

The education department consists of the academic department, the Child Development Center, the South Central Regional Professional Development Center, and the Kummer Center for STEM Education. These centers all work together to improve the quality of education in this region. The Child Development Center opened in January 2022 thanks to a \$2.7M state grant. Few educators have the opportunity to design and open a school, and Dr. Kania-Gosche considers this center her most rewarding professional accomplishment.

Currently, Dr. Kania-Gosche is a member of the Missouri Advisory Council on Certification of Educators, and she recently finished her term as past president of the Missouri Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. She is a fellow for the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, providing data analysis on the statewide teacher pipeline. She regularly collaborates with faculty across campus and the University of Missouri system on grants and other projects. She has participated in many leadership development programs and was a University of Missouri Presidential Engagement Fellow in 2021.

Dr. Kania-Gosche was previously associate dean at another Missouri institution and taught EdD research courses. She taught high school English teacher in a small Missouri town, and she continues to be passionate about helping rural schools recruit and retain teachers.

Dr. Lisa Rice, Missouri Valley College



Dr. Rice has been an educator, lifelong learner, and supporter of education for over two decades. Dr. Rice has served in the K-12 and Higher Education settings. She continues to support students and faculty to improve educator preparation in Missouri.