

Nebraska Council on Teacher Education

Educator Preparation Advisory Committee to the Nebraska State Board of Education

Executive Committee Minutes

Friday, January 22, 2016

Meeting Time: 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Meeting Site: Ralston Public Schools--Virginia Moon Administrative Center
8545 Park Drive, Ralston, NE 68127

Call to Order – President Mark Adler @ 10:25 A.M.

- Approval of August 21, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting minutes—Motion by Katt, second by Peters. Motion carried.
- Review of October 9, 2015 Full Council Meeting minutes
- Review of October 9, 2015 Standing Committee Meeting minutes – Committee ‘A’
Committee ‘B’
Committee ‘C’

1. Rule Status Updates – NDE Staff

- Rule 22 – Master Teacher Program pending Governor approval. Rule 22 has now been signed; allows those who have National Board certification to receive a \$5000 salary bonus (about 70 teachers received the salary bonus this year); also provides financial assistance for those pursuing National Board certification; Omaha-area MOEC is making plans to assist their teachers in pursuing National Board certification.
- Rule 24 – Public Hearing January 5, 2016—10:30 a.m., NDE State Board Room. There were no attendees other than NDE personnel. Rule 24 will go to the State Board for approval at the February 4-5, 2016 State Board meeting.
(Includes changes to Art field, Health Sciences supplemental, Middle Level subject, Music field, and Vocal Music subject. General Art and Instrumental Music removed from Rule 24.)

2. Rule 24 Endorsements / Ad Hoc Updates – Pat Madsen

- School Counselor – *Ad hoc* scheduled for January 27, 2016. Discussion was held about challenges with the school counselor shortage in the state and getting more trained school counselors into schools. (As well as other shortage areas.) This revised endorsement will possibly be presented to the Executive Committee at the April NCTE Executive Committee meeting. (Possible conversations will be held at the March NCTE meeting.)
- Religious Education – Survey of institutions that offer the endorsement indicated no revisions are necessary, but that the endorsement was needed. Request for a recommendation from the Executive Committee that no *ad hoc* be called at this time. Motion by Mathews, second by Alford that no *ad hoc* be called for this endorsement program. Motion carried.
- Curriculum Supervisor – Spring, 2016. Possible ideas for revision were discussed. Katt explained this endorsement can only be added to an administrative certificate; there is not a good pathway for a teacher to stay in the classroom and advance on a salary schedule. Should Curriculum Supervisor be on a teaching certificate? Does the curriculum supervisor evaluate staff? Is this endorsement named correctly? This could be an Instructional Coach type position or instructional improvement; depends on the instructional model that is used by the district. Peters asked if this endorsement needs to be at both levels—teaching certificate and administrative certificate? (Candidate would

choose—Teacher Leader/Instructional Coach would be on a teaching certificate; Curriculum Supervisor would be on an administrative certificate.) There could possibly be two different tracks for a ‘School Leadership’ Instructional Leader. Our current system does not have any way for those who want to stay in the classroom and be instructional leaders and not be principals or superintendents. Could there be an Education Leader or Master Teacher endorsement?

3. NDE Updates

- Nebraska Equity Plan – approved by USDE October 21, 2015; CCSSO Regional Rural States Equity Plan meeting December 10-11, 2015 in Omaha where plans for implementation were laid out to work within the AQuESTT process.
- Teacher Certification – Peters shared that the current platform is only supported through 2020, so beginning to look at what updating might look like.
- Bellevue University application – submitted January, 2016. A team will be established to review the application within the next month. Volunteers are needed to assist NDE in the process.

4. Program Approval

- Onsite State Visits conducted in conjunction with the national accreditation review for Peru State College on September 27-29, 2015 and University of Nebraska Omaha on November 1-3, 2015.
- Offsite Folio Review for College of Saint Mary and Wayne State College will be held June 27, 2016. The UNK Folio Review will be held October 21, 2016. Union College and York College Folio Review will be held November 10, 2016. (Sign Up Sheets at March meeting.)

5. Old/New Business

- NCTE Meeting Plan – NCTE is a constituency group; suggestion that the NCTE Agenda be sent to constituent groups/associations when posted. The Executive Committee will develop a long-range plan for NCTE meeting topics at their April Executive Committee meeting.
- NCTE Member Development – New members must be supported as much as possible to maintain the high-caliber of members of NCTE and use their expertise effectively and efficiently. Strategies to support member development were discussed, including posting a ‘You Tube’ video on orientation to NCTE, better guidance for mentor strategies such as a phone call to mentees prior to first few meetings to explain the meeting agenda/process, sitting by mentees at meetings, and then meeting briefly after the meetings. Consideration should be given to assigning mentors for two or three years. Moss volunteered to call the new members on Committee ‘C’ before the March meeting. Each constituent group should have their own mentoring process (NSEA and NACTE do.) A question could be added to the Meeting Participation form asking if this is the first meeting the member is attending; Committee Chairs would then contact the new member ahead of time and before each meeting. A formal plan will be sent out to better support new members; operationalized through Executive Committee. NDE Staff will organize a plan to assist with discussion/development of a more formal plan at the next Executive Committee meeting.
- NCTE March 18, 2016 meeting agenda development:
 - Proposed Topics for NCTE Standing Committees:
 - Curriculum Supervisor endorsement – suggestions for revision (if time) Guided discussion with a 5-minute overview at First General Session.
 - Middle Level Endorsement Content Test – or Pedagogy Test?

- AQuESTT Update – Next steps for NCTE – Handout of the Teacher Prep/AQuESTT document at Standing Committees (and at NACTE meeting) – Each Standing Committee will be assigned two tenets for further discussion/conversation about implications for teacher education and certification.

Proposed Agenda Items for March 18, 2016 NCTE Meeting:

- State Legislation Update – Jay Sears
- Nominations for Standing Committee Officers
10.00 STANDING COMMITTEE OFFICERS.
During the spring meeting of each even numbered year, each Standing Committee, from its membership, shall elect a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary who shall serve for a term of two years. The officers may be re-elected once. Succeeding officers for each position must be elected from a different representational group. The term shall begin August 1st of the same year. In the event of a resignation or vacancy, the Standing Committee shall elect a successor at the next regularly scheduled meeting. *(From NCTE Organizational Policies approved April 2013.)*
All current chairs are eligible to be re-elected if they choose to be nominated.
- Presentations by institutions – Creighton, Midland, Peru, York / new and innovative happenings in programs.
Suggestion that future meeting include opportunities for all constituencies to give spotlight presentations.
- NDE Updates:
 - Content Testing Implementation / Re-visit of content testing requirements; share limited data available at this time; what TCert is seeing; if and when scores and tests will be re-evaluated.
 - Curriculum Supervisor (Sign Up Sheets for Ad Hoc Committee)
 - Rule 22 – Master Teacher Program (National Board for Professional Teaching). Bary Habrock will talk about the MOEC Initiative.
 - CAEP Training opportunity – July 17-20, 2016 in Kansas City; for anyone interested in doing out-of-state accreditation visits.
We also need state-trained people – NDE will bring CAEP in for a state training for in-state people to be on state approval teams.
 - Reauthorization of NCLB—now Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Not many details are known at this time; implementation 2017-2018 school year; operate under current NCLB laws until implementation of ESSA.
 - NSEA and Federal Funds – Marketing Strategy for recruiting teachers will be coming.
Suggestion that items to be added to the end of the agenda, or another document with a list of ‘Back Burner Items’ / Things to be thinking about (but no reports) / Best summary of resources found on current topics (link) / NBPTS link, etc.

Next meeting – 10 AM-2PM @ Ralston / Dutch Treat lunch – delivered.
Meeting adjourned – 2:00 P.M.