

NCTE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Standing Committee: Graduate Committee

Date: June 8, 2012

Location: Thompson Alumni Center at UNO

The meeting was called to order at 12:50 by Jankovich.

Secretary: Please take attendance and indicate any absences, alternates, or guests.

District	Name	Present/Absent	Designated Alternate Member Present	Guest
6	Bird, D.	x		
5	Brown, S.	x		
7	Crouse, M.			
5	Helmink, F.	x		
4	Huston, N.	x		
8	Jankovich, D.	x		
1	Katt, S.	x		
5	Lopez, J.			
7	Mihm, L.	x		
3	Mitzelfelt, J.	x	Ann Nickerson	
5	Moss, D.	x		
4	Ponec, D.	x		
8	Ryan, K.			
6	Scantling, E.	x		
3	Schnoor, N.	x	Jean Blomenkamp	
4	Tebbe, M.	x		
8	Towey-Schulz, M.	x		
3	Von Essen, T.			
	Danielson, Lana			x

Business Conducted:

1. Introductions

Welcome by Doreen Jankovich and group introduced themselves.

2. Sign Up Sheets

Folio Reviews: Chadron State and NE Wesleyan University—June, 2012

Concordia University – July, 2012 (Tentative)

3. Discussion regarding proposed endorsements:

Speech Language Pathologist and Speech Language Technician

Recommendation by Moss that we leave 7.04F in the Speech Language technician draft, as it goes along with the Federal Standards. It also makes sense as we have always trained Speech Pathologists to work with birth to age 21.

Katt made a recommendation that we move forward the endorsements both the Speech Language Pathologist and Speech Language Technician endorsements for final reading at the October NCTE meeting. Towey-Schultz moved and Scantling seconded a motion to approve the endorsements as presented. Discussion and questions were heard prior to voting. Motion carried unanimously.

The committee also supports the transition of this endorsement into Rule 21 as such time as it becomes appropriate.

Superintendent

The Superintendent endorsement was revised after the March meeting to include the updated ELCC guidelines. It was recommended to bring this revised endorsement to the committee to make sure this updated endorsement meets with NCTE approval.

Motion made by Ponec and seconded by Moss to move the Superintendent endorsement with the updated ELCC guidelines to final vote at the second general session today, June 8, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

Science Endorsements

Discussion was held on the science endorsement and the information presented during the first general session. Group members found it interesting as the discussion centered on the 12 and 24 hour requirements and how institutions viewed this as opposed to how employers viewed it. Many times there are those who began as a pre-med, pre-pharmacy, pre-physical therapy student and then decide to change to an education major. Some do not want to take away the natural science endorsement. There is also a lot of crossover of information in the sciences or subjects areas. We need to trust the institutions to do the right things and to also hold the institutions accountable. There was also discussion about the differences in institutions regarding the number of hours required in 4 or 5 hour courses offered at the various institutions.

We are simply looking for more flexibility with regard to courses and content. Institutions will be held accountable for both. This committee recommends a version that provides institutions with flexibility. The undergraduate committee will be making the recommendation to move this forward and if they do move it forward, our recommendation for flexibility somewhat counters that recommendation, so we may have additional issues later.

Bird moved and Towey-Schulz seconded that we recommend flexibility in the endorsement going forward.

Motion carried.

Mathematics

Rule 10 provides flexibility for 6th grade instruction by a 7-12 endorsed person. This actually reflects current practice. The curriculum has gotten so rigorous it is appropriate to consider 6th grades being taught by higher content-prepared individuals.

Question regarding number of hours – seems minimal compared to other field endorsements.

Bird moved, Scantling seconded to support moving endorsement to final reading. Motion carried.

4. Other business concerning Graduate Committee:

Teacher and Principal Evaluation Components based on Frameworks—discussed briefly. Models are being developed.

5. Action:

Recommend Superintendent Endorsement for final approval.

Meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Fred Helmink