

Nebraska Council on Teacher Education

Educator Preparation Advisory Committee to the Nebraska State Board of Education

Executive Committee Minutes

August 22, 2014

Meeting Time: 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Meeting Site: Nebraska Council of School Administrators (NCSA) Meeting Room
455 South 11th Street, Suite A, Lincoln, NE 68508

Call to Order – President Doreen Jankovich Called to order @ 9:15 A.M.

Thank you to ‘retiring’ Executive Committee members (Alan Bone and Becky Schnabel), and welcome to new committee member (Sue Alford).

Approval of April 24, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting minutes—Motion by Adler, Second by Peters. Motion carried.

Review of June 6, 2014 NCTE Full Council Meeting minutes—Motion to approve by Adler, Second by Peters. Motion carried.

Review of June 6, 2014 NCTE Standing Committee minutes – Committee ‘A’—Adler reported on June 6 Committee meeting—reviewed Coaching Supplemental and School Nurse endorsements—no concerns. Also discussed Early Intervention Specialist. Adler will continue as Chair, Casey as Vice Chair, and Denise White was elected Secretary.

Committee ‘B’—Alford reported on June 6 Committee meeting. No concerns about proposed endorsements. Data System was discussed, and concerns were brought forth. Sue Alford was elected Chair, Sharra Smith was elected Vice Chair, and Caroline Rice was elected Secretary.

Committee ‘C’—Report by Jankovich. Coaching and School Nurse endorsements were discussed—no concerns. Early Intervention Specialist—intent is that a certified teacher is teaching in inclusive classrooms, so ‘including those with verified disabilities’ language was needed. Moss will continue as Chair, Mark Lenihan was elected as Vice Chair, and Dee Acklie was elected as Secretary. Data System discussion was held. Sign-up sheets for Folio Review were distributed. Some ideas for member orientation were discussed.

1. Rule Status Updates – Sharon Katt

- Rule 20 – Signed by Governor on July 2, 2014. Implementation date August 1, 2014.
- Rule 23 – Signed by Governor on May 10, 2014.
- Rule 24 – Signed by Governor on July 2, 2014. Implementation date August 1, 2014.
- Rule 21 will be brought forth probably within the next year.

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

- Coaching (Supplemental), School Nurse (Special Services), and Special Education: Early Intervention Specialist (Supplemental) were all approved by NCTE at the June 6 meeting. They will be included in Rule 24, effective 8.1.15.
- Middle Grades *Ad Hoc* Committee met June 23, 2014 to review the Middle Grades endorsement, and again on July 28. Madsen, Peters, and Katt reported on the progress of the committee. The *ad hoc* committee is reviewing the proposed revisions at this time, and plan to bring forth the proposal at the January NCTE Executive Committee meeting with anticipated First and Second Hearings at the March, 2015 NCTE meeting.
- Music *Ad Hoc* Committee met July 11, 2014 to review the music endorsements: Music (field), Instrumental Music (subject), and Vocal Music (subject). Many states offer only the Music

field endorsement. Next meeting will be held Friday, September 19 to finalize endorsement proposals, with anticipated First and Second Hearings at the March, 2015 NCTE meeting.

- Art *Ad Hoc* Committee met July 17, 2014 to review the art endorsements: Art (field) and General Art (subject). The *ad hoc* committee is currently reviewing the proposed endorsement and plan to submit their recommendations at the January, 2015 NCTE Executive meeting with anticipated First and Second Hearings at the March, 2015 NCTE meeting.
- The Health Occupations endorsement *ad hoc* meeting is postponed. A recent meeting with NDE Career Education staff resulted in a decision that further research is necessary before calling an ad hoc committee. Currently no institutions offer this endorsement program. There is a significant need for properly-endorsed teachers who can teach secondary-level classes in the Health Sciences Career Cluster.
- Next endorsements to review: (Spring/Summer, 2015)
 - Religious Education
 - Curriculum Supervisor
 - Assessment Leadership – Is this endorsement still needed?
 - All Social Science endorsements – Social Science (field), Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Psychology, and Sociology) New national standards are scheduled for adoption in 2016 and consideration is being given to delay this endorsement revision until more information is available about the revised national standards.

3. NDE Updates – Katt

- First Year Teacher Survey Pilot – Summary of what was learned and moving forward. Piloted by four IHEs this spring—Grace, Midland, Peru State, and UNO. 60% response rate. Goal is about continuous improvement. Survey instrument closely matches the Clinical Experience assessment currently being piloted by IHEs. Plan is to move forward and implement for most, if not all IHEs, in 2014-2015. Surveys went to principals who had first year teachers in NE public schools—at this time, not able to track first year teachers who were prepared in-state and go out of state to teach.
- Content Testing will be implemented effective 9.1.15.
- Common clinical experience assessment will be piloted by most IHEs during 2014-2015.
- Provisional SPED endorsement—A proposal is under discussion to increase the current 3 credit hours of SPED to 9 credit hours of SPED to get the provisional SPED endorsement. Renewal will require completion of at least 6 credit hours of required courses each year.
- A constituency group, including NCTE representation, will be called to discuss alternative certification issues. NSEA and NCSA representatives have indicated support for this discussion. (Unlikely that this meeting will be held before the October NCTE meeting.)
- Peters suggested an approach for addressing some alternative certification issues may be to maintain certificates—initial, standard, professional and create ‘permits’ for other areas, including those current utilized for certificating teachers—temporary, special services, local sub, provisional, dual credit, career ed, provisional commitment, etc. NCTE Executive Committee members indicated support for looking into this approach. This would have to be a Rule 21 (and Rule 24) change, and probably not implemented until 2016 (at the earliest.)

4. Upcoming Program Approval for Grace University, Midland University, University of Nebraska-Omaha, and Peru State College – Folio Review October 8 & 9, 2014 at Concordia Fallbrook

(Lincoln.)

On-site visits – Grace University (late fall, 2014);
Midland University (spring, 2014);
Peru State College – September 27-29, 2015; and
University of Nebraska-Omaha November 1-3, 2015.

5. NCTE Executive Meeting Schedule for 2014-2015 – Madsen
Meeting days were changed to Fridays to accommodate schedules.
Locations—Adler will check on ESU#3 for the January meeting. Jankovich will check on OPS TAC Center for the May 1 meeting.
6. Review of NCTE Organizational Policies – Executive Committee / Elections always at the same time—nominate in March, elect at June meeting. President-Elect will be nominated in March, 2015 from HED.
7. NCTE Member Survey – Jankovich and Donna Moss The intent was to survey members about the organizational structure/purposes of NCTE to better understand how to provide member orientation and support. Concepts that could be addressed through member orientation/support could include opportunities to better understand the purposes of the group, and use member's time more effectively. No action has been taken on creating/administering the survey.
8. New Member Orientation and Member In Service – Executive Committee Chair Orientation needed. (See item #9 for strategies for the October meeting.)
9. Proposed Agenda Items for October 3, 2014 Full Council Meeting at Country Inn & Suites, Lincoln:
 - Speaker –Senator Kate Sullivan, Education Visioning (Tentative.) Jankovich reported that the NCTE meeting is on the Senator's schedule; and will check again in September to be sure the Senator is still available. Public Hearings on Education Visioning are being held in Omaha on October 6—Gallup Campus; October 15 at Norfolk—Northeast Community College; October 16 at Broken Bow; all beginning at 1:30 P.M. LR1103—Statewide Visioning Bill for Education in Nebraska; Testimony will be taken.
 - Current NTOY might be an option if Senator Sullivan is not available.
 - (New) Member Orientation / Member In Service – Mentors for new members—from each committee; Website orientation (Buller)—show where to 'click'; Doreen will do a PowerPoint presentation; basics of Robert's Rules will be included.
10. The Executive Committee expressed appreciation to NCSA for providing the meeting space and the coffee.

Adjournment 12 Noon

Upcoming Meetings:

NCTE Full Council Meeting – Friday, October 3, 2014 at Country Inn & Suites, Lincoln
NCTE Executive Committee Meeting – January 23, 2015 at ESU # 3 (tentative)
NCTE Full Council Meeting – Friday, March 20, 2015 at Country Inn & Suites, Lincoln
NCTE Executive Committee Meeting – May 1, 2015 at OPS (TAC Center—tentative)
NCTE Full Council Meeting – Friday, June 12, 2015 at Country Inn & Suites, Lincoln