

Nebraska Council on Teacher Education (NCTE)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 24, 2020

Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m – 3:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: Nebraska Department of Education, Conference Room B
Nebraska State Office Building—6th Floor
301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509

Committee Members Present: D. Casey, S. Smith, L. Sankey, B. Dirksen, K. Heineke
M. Lenihan (via ZOOM)

Guests: M. Beiermann, D. Frison

Call to Order: President Casey called meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

- 1) Welcome and Introductions – members introduced themselves
- 2) Approval of August 23, 2019 Executive Committee Minutes - Motion by Dirksen; seconded by Smith for approval. Minutes approved.
- 3) Review of October 11, 2019 Full Council Meeting Minutes - No changes needed to minutes.
- 4) Review of October 11, 2019 Standing Committee Meetings Minutes - No changes needed to minutes.

Reports:

Status of Rules in Approval Process:

- 5) Rule 20 – No changes at this time. IHE faculty load discussion to be done at March Full Council meeting. Want to run Rule 20 and Rule 23 together for approval.
- 6) Rule 23 – Discussions on Rule 23 are taking place—no definitive changes implemented at this time.
- 7) Rule 21 and Rule 24 – Routing these two rules together for approval, as they are inter-connected. The JAG endorsement in Rule 24 is now called ‘Special Program’ so it isn’t so specific, providing more flexibility. The original JAG content would be used with this endorsement. Public hearing is March 3.

Status of Rule 24 Endorsements in Review Process:

- 8) Endorsements at Ad Hoc committee level:
 - The Science endorsement has been tabled for the time being due to personnel changes with the Science Education Specialist at NDE; to be reviewed in 2021.
 - Elementary Education endorsement has been tabled in exchange for School Librarian.
 - Social Sciences endorsement – Ad Hoc committee will meet March 2. Will incorporate new standards in the endorsement.
 - School Librarian – Ad Hoc committee will meet March 31.
 - World Language – Ad hoc committee will meet March 24. Will incorporate new standards in the endorsement.
- 9) Endorsements ready for first/second reading – none
- 10) Endorsements ready for final reading – none



Program Approval Schedule:

- Union College On-Site Visit – Took place on October 20-22, 2019 in conjunction with CAEP review; rejoinder filed, waiting CAEP response.
- Chadron State College On-Site Visit – April 19-21, 2020
- Nebraska Wesleyan University Folio Review – Fall, 2020
- Nebraska Wesleyan University On-Site Visit – TBD; are parting ways with CAEP and is joining the AAQUEP for national certification.
- Bellevue University. –Approval team will go to Bellevue to review criteria for approval. Will possibly take place in March.
- Discussions concerning CAEP vs. other national certification organizations for program approval (such as AAQUEP) are taking place among the IHEs. NDE does not mandate CAEP or other national program accreditation, so for those IHEs that do not participate in national accreditation, NDE engages in a state program approval process every seven years.

Working Lunch – 11:55 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.: Discussion on Council Membership development and feedback from Standing Committees on developing Council Membership:

- Standing Committee C, at March Full Council meeting, will discuss council membership development with a focus on new member development.
- A 30-minute 'open-ended' meeting starting at 8:45 a.m. will be made available for NCTE members which will allow members to ask questions concerning the NCTE. These questions will be shared with Standing Committee C, prior to meeting to inform their discussion.
- President Casey will also be available for a breakfast discussion starting at 7:30 a.m. for those wishing to attend. This will allow members to attend breakfast and/or the 8:45 a.m. discussion to help understand NCTE policies and procedures.

Unfinished Business:

- 11) Discussion concerning Standing Committees feedback on NCTE Organizational Policies revision from the October Full Council Meeting:
 - Next steps for Organizational Policy review/revision:
 - Executive Committee will present a draft copy of Organizational Policies revisions at the March NCTE meeting for discussion in Standing Committee B. Any necessary changes will then be made to the revisions, with presentation at the May Full Council meeting for final approval.
- 12) Discussion concerning Standing Committees feedback on IHEs faculty load issue:
 - Next steps for addressing faculty load concerns:
 - Need to determine the history/purpose of Rule 20, since this rule only applies to educator preparation teachers at the IHEs, not all instructors at the IHEs. With advances in technology (online instruction) how has technology affected this issue?
 - This issue should also be discussed at NACTE as well.
 - Rule 10 will be part of the discussion, since Rule 10 deals with faculty load issues in preK-12 institutions.
- 13) Discussion concerning Standing Committees feedback on efficiencies of NCTE Full Council Meetings:
 - Next steps for using NCTE Full Council meetings more efficiently:



- The purpose of NCTE is to be an advisory group to the Board and Commissioner; therefore the pathway of relaying information to the Commissioner can be addressed in the reorganization of Organizational Policies.
- Modify the meeting business so that Standing Committee work can be done in the morning, with the more 'informative' items done later in the meeting day. This will be done for the March Full Council meeting.
- Any presentations should either be designed to inform Standing Committee discussions and/or to highlight new and/or best practices at the NDE and other stakeholders.
- Stakeholder updates will move off of the Full Council agenda and will be the responsibility of stakeholders to inform the Full Council of updates via email and electronically.
- Meetings will remain in Lincoln due to financial cost, unless there is a specific/high priority reason for moving a meeting out of Lincoln.

New Business:

14) Change in April 24, 2020 Executive Committee meeting date due to conflict:

- April 17 will be the next NCTE Executive Committee meeting date, not April 24.
- Meeting dates for 2020-2021:
 - Full Council Meetings: October 9, 2020; March 19, 2021; June 11, 2021
 - Executive Committee Meetings: August 28, 2020; January 29, 2021; April 23, 2021

Development of Agenda for March 6, 2020 Full Council Meeting:

15) Items for Agenda:

- Membership introductions
- Approval/review of minutes from last October meeting and January Executive Committee meeting
- No legislative update will be done
- Stakeholder reports from organizations will not be done
- Standing Committee Meetings/Discussions:
 - Committee A: Faculty Load
 - Committee B: Revised Organizational Policies review and/or further revision
 - Committee C : NCTE new member development
- Additional Items for future discussion by Standing Committees include teacher recruitment; teacher/administrative shortage; reciprocity issues; and national board certification. Roll Call Voting – using voice votes instead. Will need to explain the change in voting procedure and make sure that members can ask for a roll call vote, if necessary.
- Alternates, when not attending as a voting member, are not to ask questions or comment in discussion. If they want to have a voice on a topic, they need to submit their ideas/questions to their representative voting member, who will then address the issue to the committee. Procedural items on running Standing Committee meetings will be shared with Standing Committee Chairs.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 3:30.

