



Nebraska Council on Teacher Education (NCTE)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2020

Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:10 p.m.

Meeting Location: Meeting conducted virtually through ZOOM

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

Guests: H. Payne, M. Beiermann

Committee Members Absent: All Present

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

- Welcome and Introductions – D. Casey welcomed members to meeting
- Approval of January 24, 2020 Executive Committee Minutes - Motion by L. Sankey, second by M. Lenihan; minutes approved
- Review of March 6, 2020 Full Council Meeting Minutes – No changes; minutes stand as written
- Review of March 6, 2020 Standing Committee Meetings Minutes – No changes; minutes stand as written

Rule Reports:

Status of Rules in Approval Process:

- Rule 20 – No updates at this time
- Rule 23 – NDE continues to be in conversation with the governor
- Rules 21 and 24 – Rule 21 and Rule 24 were approved by State Board at March 6, 2020 meeting and has moved forward to Attorney General's office.

Status of Rule 24 Endorsements in Review Process:

- Endorsements at Ad Hoc Committee Level
 - School Librarian - Postponed
 - World Language - Postponed
- Endorsements Ready for First/Second Reading
 - Social Sciences endorsement – Power Point presentation and revisions to the Social Science endorsement were presented by Harris Payne, NDE Content Specialist and Kelly Heineke, NDE Director of Educator Preparation Program Approval. Following the presentation, questions/comments included:
 - Will dual credit Economics be affected by revisions? No, as undergraduate teachers will have more background to teach Economics than they currently have.
 - The Guidelines following the Rule were changed in the Social Sciences endorsement to reflect National Standards. Some verbiage was also revised in all the Social Science endorsements.
 - Would the Diversity course requirement and required hours in Human Geography coursework cover the deletion of the Anthropology endorsement? Yes, as both courses would provide more in-depth knowledge of diverse populations.



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- The Nebraska history background requirement (3 hours) can fill one of the other requirements in the Social Science endorsement so that the total endorsement hours will still be 60 hours.
- Endorsements ready for final reading – None at this time

Legislative Update: None at this time

Program Approval Schedule:

- Chadron State College On-Site Visit – April 19-21, 2020; to be done virtually
- Nebraska Wesleyan University Folio Review – Fall, 2020
- Nebraska Wesleyan University On-Site Visit – TBD
- Bellevue University On-Site visit pending via results of Chadron State College virtual on-site visit

Unfinished Business:

- Discussion related to the feedback from the committee on Organizational Policies revisions at the March 6 Full Council Meeting:
 - Organizational Policies, including revisions from the March 6 Full Council meeting were reviewed. The various revisions will be included in the Organizational Policies for presentation at the May 29 NCTE meeting.
- Discussion related to the feedback from the committee on Faculty Load at the March 6 Full Council Meeting:
 - There is a need to understand faculty load requirements in Rule 20, and how the IHEs are affected by this. This topic could be part of a larger Rule 20 revision.
- Discussion related to the feedback from the committee on Member Development at the March 6 NCTE Full Council Meeting
 - Mentoring should be available for new members to help understand the functions of NCTE.
 - Use of social media could be used to promote NCTE.
 - A membership retreat could be done once the pandemic is over to promote NCTE and help new members.
 - CAEP and Folio Review Training – There is a need for this, and it could be done virtually.
 - Pairing with a mentor, especially for Folio Review training, is a good idea. Perhaps this could be done in the fall at the first NCTE meeting of the 20-21 school year.
 - The need to keep the NCTE a relevant and valued part of education in Nebraska, was brought up. Assigning members to be mentors at the fall meeting can help.

Working Lunch – 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.: Discussion on COVID-19 and its effects on education was the main topic of conversation. How are schools/students dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic and the effects on learning? One issue is the lack of availability for students as far as access to the internet, especially in rural areas. The pandemic highlights this problem in Nebraska. Also, abuse/neglect issues at home are more intense. In addition, will various Rule waivers be given, as far as reporting data, or working with students unable to complete Rule requirements, such as student teaching?

New Business: None at this time.

Development of Agenda for May 29, 2020 Full Council Meeting

- Guest speaker for First General Session – Will try to have the Commissioner speak; if he is unavailable, we will forego a guest speaker.



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- Legislative update - None will be given at this meeting
- Informational items – Executive Committee will move Organizational Policies forward for discussion on revisions; members will be reminded to read these prior to meeting for discussion purposes.
- Stakeholder reports – None will be given at this meeting
- Rule status reports – Kelly Heineke (NDE) will report
- NDE updates (endorsements, program approvals, etc.) – For the first reading of the Social Science endorsements, Harris Payne (NDE) will report on the changes/revisions of the Social Science endorsements.
- Topics for Standing Committee Discussions - Standing Committees A and B will review the Organizational Policies revisions. Standing committee C will review the Social Sciences endorsements, which will be the second reading of these endorsements.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.