



Nebraska Council on Teacher Education (NCTE)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 28, 2020

Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 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: M. Beiermann

Committee Members Absent: All Present

Discussion Concerning Open Meeting Act: A brief discussion was held prior to the Executive Committee meeting to discuss how to incorporate the Open Meetings Act requirements with the Full Council meetings. With the Full Council meetings being held virtually, there are issues meeting the requirements. No action was taken during this discussion.

Call to Order: President Casey started meeting at 10:15 a.m.

- Welcome and Introductions – Members introduced themselves at meeting.
- Approval of April 17, 2020 Executive Committee Minutes - Motion by M. Lenihan, second by S. Smith; minutes approved.
- Review of May 29, 2020 Full Council Meeting Minutes – No changes; minutes stand as written.
- Review of May 29, 2020 Standing Committee Meetings Minutes – No changes; minutes stand as written.

Rule Reports: K. Heineke, NDE

Status of Rules in Approval Process:

- Rule 20 – Zoom meetings will be taking place with Dr. David Steiner (Johns Hopkins University) and stakeholders concerning potential revisions of Rule 20 on September 2 and 3.
- Rule 23 – No major revisions at this time.
- Rules 21 and 24 – These rules were successfully passed through the Attorney General's office. They are now at the Governor's office for final approval/signature.

Status of Rule 24 Endorsements in Review Process:

- Endorsements at Ad Hoc committee level
 - School Librarian – Ad hoc endorsement review meeting may take place in September.
- Endorsements ready for first/second reading
 - World Languages endorsement – Endorsement review is in process. Language incorporating new standards will be included in the revised endorsement and will be ready for first/second reading at the next Full Council meeting. Revision items include:
 - Changing grade levels to K-8, 6-12 (was originally 7-12), and K-12.
 - Wordsmithing: include "language other than English," which will incorporate Sign Language.
 - Having other test options besides the Praxis test to demonstrate proficiency. These test options would include the Oral Proficiency (OPI) test and the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) test.



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- Requiring 30 hours of pedagogy; however, up to 30 hours of additional course requirements could be waived at the discretion of the IHEs.
- Wordsmithing: 0.6.69E should be 0.6.69F;
- Endorsements ready for final reading – None at this time
- The next endorsements for review may include Elementary Education and Principal endorsements.

Legislative Update: None at this time

Program Approval Schedule: K. Heineke

- Nebraska Wesleyan University Folio Review – Fall, 2020
- Nebraska Wesleyan University On-Site Visit – TBD
- Midland University Folio Review – Fall, 2021
- University of NE-Omaha Folio Review – Fall, 2021
- Institutions are seeking accreditation by CAEP; AQUEPP is a new review organization that institutions are looking at for program accreditation.

Unfinished Business: D. Casey

- Organizational Policies Revision
 - Word changes determined at the May 28 Full Council meeting were discussed; includes in the Ad Hoc Procedures Section 17.04 adding the wording: “Designated NDE staff will coordinate with Ad Hoc committee.” Additional wording change to section 8.0 - “regular” was added.
 - The NCTE will give a summative report on work done by the NCTE during the previous school year at the August State Board meeting.
 - Revised Organizational Policies will be presented at the next Full Council meeting.
- Standing Committee Roster – The Standing Committee roster for 2020-2021, which includes new members replacing those who have retired from NCTE, was approved.

New Business: K. Heineke

NDE has contracted with Johns Hopkins University (Dr. David Steiner) to provide an objective review of Nebraska’s education programs, including teacher preparation and certification, in relation to Rule 20. This will include analysis and gathering data. Stakeholders across the state, as well as NCTE members and NDE personnel will be part of this review.

Development of Agenda for October 9, 2020 Full Council Meeting – D. Casey

- M. Lenihan made a motion to cancel the October 9 Full Council meeting due to implications of the pandemic. However, the Executive Committee will meet virtually on October 9. Motion seconded by S. Smith. Motion was approved.
- The January 29, 2021 Executive Committee meeting will meet as scheduled. At this time the agenda and plans for the March 19, 2021 Full Council meeting will be discussed.

Adjourn: D. Casey adjourned the meeting at 12:37 p.m.