Nebraska Council on Teacher Education

Nebraska State Board of Education Educator Preparation Advisory Committee

NCTE STANDING COMMITTEE ‘A’ MINUTES

October 6, 2023

Officers: Chair – Susan Stake

Vice Chair – Vickie Kauffold

Secretary – Kris Swain

BUSINESS CONDUCTED:

Meeting was called to order at 11:30am by Susan Stake

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Standing Committee A Minutes from June 9, 2023 meeting

Motion to Approve-1st- Casey, 2nd- Adams; Minutes approved

3. TOPICS:

* Review the SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) analysis and recommended goals from June 9, 2023 NCTE Full Council Meeting
  + Comments
    - Any time that we talk to state board that we include which board priority we are addressing so the alignment is clear. This would assist with some of the weaknesses and suggestions discussed at the June NCTE meeting.
    - Need to consider a communication plan that includes the state school board and stakeholders. SBOE wants to do their work and wants to understand the different roles of IHE and stakeholders, NCTE. This would sustain our presence.
      * NCTE Minutes linked in stakeholder publications as relevant
      * NCTE compiles information for consistency of messaging
      * Plan would include how to disseminate information across the different NCTE stakeholders
      * NCTE members who are appointed by the state board want to know their role in the communication plan
      * Definition of who we are and our responsibilities
      * Review of the communication plan at the NCTE meetings
      * Teacher group meets ahead of time on Zoom to prepare for NCTE; Higher Education does the same through NACTE
      * Elevator speech- know what it means to be an alternate or a voting NCTE member
      * NDE Fund alternates to attend all NCTE meetings- explore the opportunity- Organizational policies would need to be changed and approved which would need to go back to SBOE
    - SBOE had questions about the size of the board and wondering if the group should be smaller
    - The committee discussed having an l Ad Hoc committee that could develop the communication plan
    - Having ESUs represented – there is one member from the governance group. ESUs play a big role in providing PD.
    - Focus on Hiring and Retention- how do we keep teachers.

4. Return to Full Council First General Session for Standing Committee Chair report

* Chairs to report initial findings/recommendations

5. Committee reconvene at 1:33pm

* Discussion regarding Full Council discussion from recommended goals
  + Adjust recommendations based on Full Council discussion and pick areas of focus for NCTE goals with rationale for choices
    - **Recommendation 1:** By February 2024, there will be an ad hoc committee developing a NCTE communication plan that includes
      * Who we are, what we do; key messages that developed and shared back to stakeholders
      * Communication loops between NCTE groups and taking information back to stakeholders
      * Communication to the SBOE that is more continuous and direct. We need to engage more.
      * Get feedback from the state board on what feedback that they want from NCTE
      * Communication chain of command-make sure that is clear-defining roles of members
      * In the current NCTE guidelines, the NCTE President submits a report to the state board
      * Suggested to align to board priorities when possible
      * Recommend that an Ad Hoc committee be appointed to develop the plan
    - **Recommendation 2:** Review the NCTE membership to ensure inclusivity across stakeholders groups
    - **Recommendation 3:** Stakeholders working together to support continuing educational opportunities for educators (SBOE Priority 6)
      * Professional Development
      * Graduate Credit
      * Seek funding to support post-graduation initiatives
    - **Recommendation 4:** To have a discussion of the content exam requirement at the next NCTE meeting.
* Discussion regarding Full Council discussion on Rules 21, 24 revisions
  + Adjust recommendations based on Full Council discussion

6. Committee meeting adjourned at 2:15pm

In attendance:

**Voting Members:** Adams, Alford, Blakely, Casey, Dirksen, Fouts, Garcia, Jech, Ziegler (for Kauffold), Mollring, Ritzdorf, Sankey, Stake, Swain, Wagner

**Alternates:** Anson, Summers

**Guests:** Romanuck Murphy, Schroeder

**Minutes submitted by:** Kris Swain