

COMMITTEE ON ACCREDITATION MINUTES

February 16, 2006

California Commission on Teacher Credentialing
Sacramento, California

Committee Members Present

Fred Baker
Lynne Cook
Diane Doe
Dana Griggs
Irma Guzman Wagner
David Madrigal
Karen O'Connor
Ruth Sandlin
Sue Teele
Donna Uyemoto

Staff Members Present

Larry Birch, Administrator
Cheryl Hickey, Consultant
Teri Clark, Consultant
Mike McKibbin, Consultant
Teri Ackerman, Analyst/Recorder

Committee Members Absent

Edward Kujawa

Others Present

Terry Cannings	Mary Sandy
Iris Riggs	Joyce Abrams
Linda Childress	Ellen Curtis-Pierce
Luan Rivera	Sue Westbrook

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Committee on Accreditation was called to order by Dana Griggs, Co-Chair, at 9:34 a.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2006.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Co-Chair Dana Griggs reviewed the agenda for the February meeting. It was moved, seconded (Teele/Guzman Wagner) and carried to approve the agenda as amended.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the October 2005 meeting of the Committee on Accreditation were reviewed. It was moved, seconded (Sandlin/Teele) and carried to approve the minutes as presented.

CO-CHAIR AND MEMBER REPORTS

Lynne Cook advised the COA that her new email address is lhcook@csudh.edu. She also added that CSU, Dominguez Hills is recruiting two positions and asked those present for referrals or suggestions of potential candidates for these positions.

Diane Doe informed the group that she now has two new knees and is able to walk without use of a cane. She thanked COA members for their concern and cards sent during her recovery.

Karen O'Connor proudly announced that by the time the COA next meets, she will be a grandma.

STAFF REPORT

Administrator, Larry Birch reminded members that travel claims and requests for printed boarding passes are to be put in the file box provided by Lori Gonzalez-Milanovich at each meeting.

It was announced that Amy Jackson, Administrator of Exams, has resigned from her position with the Commission and has taken a position as Deputy Director with the National Comprehensive Center for Teacher Quality in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Birch also informed the Committee that three new commissioners had been welcomed to the Commission at the last Commission meeting. They are Paula Cordiero, Cindy Dodge and John Kenny. All three of the new commissioners appear to be strong additions to the Commission.

REPORT ON PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR ACCREDITATION OF TEACHER EDUCATION (NCATE)

Administrator, Larry Birch presented this item. A one year extension on the partnership agreement between CCTC and NCATE was granted on January 9, 2006 by NCATE president Arthur Wise. The extension was requested pending Commission action on the review of its accreditation system.

REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF MAY MEETING DATE

This item was presented by Administrator, Larry Birch. Staff was recently notified that the dates of the 2006 NCATE Partnership Clinic will be May 17-19, 2006. Therefore, it is necessary to reschedule the May 18 COA meeting as both Administrator, Larry Birch and Consultant, Teri Clark will be attending the clinic. A choice of alternate dates was presented to the COA for consideration. It was moved, seconded (Baker/Teele) and carried to hold the next meeting of the Committee on Accreditation on June 15, 2006.

REPORT ON THE JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 1 COMMISSION MEETING

This item was presented by Administrator, Larry Birch. The Commission meeting began with a presentation by Secretary of Education, Alan Bersin. Secretary Bersin's thoughts on the future of the credentialing process were well received. Accreditation was not addressed, as Secretary Bersin is awaiting the accreditation survey results to be presented to the Commission before commenting on the accreditation process. He will be at the April 4 Commission meeting at which time he will have more to say regarding accreditation.

Lynne Cook and Dana Griggs presented the Tenth Annual Accreditation Report to the Commission. There were no questions or comments by those present

Dr. Birch also noted that there are currently five positions on the Commission awaiting appointment.

REPORT OF PROGRAM AND INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Administrator, Larry Birch presented the items in this report.

Program(s) of Professional Preparation for the Multiple and Single Subject Credentials – SB 2042 Program Review

It was moved, seconded (Madrigal/O'Connor) and carried to grant initial accreditation to the following program of professional preparation:

California State University, Sacramento
Single Subject Internship

Program(s) of Professional Preparation for the Education Specialist Credential

It was moved, seconded (Madrigal/O'Connor) and carried to grant initial accreditation to the following programs of professional preparation:

Holy Names University
Preliminary Level I
Mild/Moderate Disabilities Internship

National University
Preliminary Level I
Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Internship

Touro University
Professional Level II
Mild/Moderate Disabilities
Moderate/Severe Disabilities

University of California, Santa Barbara
Preliminary Level II
Moderate/Severe Disabilities

Program(s) of Professional Preparation for the Administrative Services Credential

It was moved, seconded (Madrigal/O'Connor) and carried to grant initial accreditation to the following programs of professional preparation:

California State University, Bakersfield
Preliminary Credential
Preliminary Internship

Sonoma State University
Preliminary Credential
Professional

California Lutheran University
Preliminary Credential

Programs of Professional Preparation for the Fifth Year of Study

It was moved, seconded (Teele/O'Connor) and carried to grant initial accreditation to the following program of professional preparation:

California State University, San Marcos
Fifth Year of Study

REPORT OF RESULTS OF THE ACCREDITATION STAKEHOLDER SURVEY

Final Results

Analysis of Results

Discussion of Reporting Results

Consultant, Teri Clark presented a draft Commission agenda item. Suggestions were made as to how to best present this item to the Commission. It was agreed that tables should be part of the narrative text and that it should be reflected that the survey only gave opportunity for response to those who made negative comments. It was the consensus of the group that responses should be categorized and data be readily available to those who wish to see it. Teri Clark will edit the document as suggested by the COA prior to presentation to the Commission.

DISCUSSION OF TOPIC 18 STANDARDS REVIEW EFFORTS AS ASSIGNED BY THE COMMISSION

Larry Birch, Administrator, referred to the separate focus groups consisting of COA and Work Group members chosen at the October COA meeting to address Common Standards, Experimental Program Standards and SB2042 Required Elements. Two of the subcommittees presented their interim reports. The SB2042 Required Elements subcommittee will present their report at a later date.

Lynne Cook, lead member of the Common Standards group, offered three options for program improvement:

1. Develop new Commission standards modelled after NCATE standards.
2. Incorporate aspects of NCATE.
3. Create a new California "NCATE Plus" set of standards for initial program accreditation.

Group discussion followed with suggestions that there be a standard by standard analysis and that the acronym NCATE be replaced by the word "national body". It was suggested

that the subgroup construct a “crosswalk” from the NCATE Standards to Commission Standards and from the Commission Standards to NCATE Standards. It was suggested that the subgroup meet with an NCATE representative for further advisement as to how the NCATE process works. Staff will investigate the potential for funding an additional “face to face” meeting of the subgroup.

Fred Baker, lead COA member of the Experimental Program Standards subgroup introduced Consultant Mike McKibbin who noted that it has been more than twenty years since the document “Experimental and Alternative Programs of Collegiate Preparation for California Teachers and Other Educators” has been revisited. It was stressed that in the presentation of any and all alternative programs, the COA should take into consideration legislative concerns, viability of the programs, and the commitment of the COA to support institutions of higher education.

It was agreed that the alternative and experimental programs are to be “outcome driven” programs like the institutional teacher education programs. The standards should be the same as those that the “traditional” education preparation programs are held to. The subcommittee was directed to create a background document for presentation to the Commission.

DISCUSSION OF PRESENTATION TO THE APRIL COMMISSION MEETING

Presenters were Administrator, Larry Birch and consultants, Teri Clark and Cheryl Hickey. Discussion centered around the need to update and inform Secretary Bersin and the members of the Commission on the accreditation system review process. It was requested that staff ask, on behalf of the COA, for one hour to update and inform the Commission of proposed accreditation changes and alignment to the current standards.

An update was given by staff of the current status of program reviews:

The Multiple Subject and Single Subject Programs are up to date. The initial SB2042 update has been completed.

Induction Program Review is up to date.

Special Education is up to date.

Pupil Personnel Services is almost completed, pending submissions adhering to the new PPS Standards from 2-3 institutions.

Administrative Services is currently implementing the 2043 standards for guidelines-based professional programs. Twenty one programs have been approved and ten are currently in the process of being approved. There are thirty five programs awaiting review. Training sessions for new reviewers have been scheduled for early March.

ADJOURNMENT

Lynne Cook, Co-Chair, adjourned the meeting of the Committee on Accreditation at 2:40 p.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2006.

