

COMMITTEE ON ACCREDITATION MINUTES

May 19-20, 2010

Commission on Teacher Credentialing
Sacramento, California

Committee Members Present

Joyce Abrams
Lynne Cook
Ellen Curtis-Pierce
Dana Griggs (5/19 only)
Joseph Jimenez
Anne Jones
Gary Kinsey
Carol Leighty
Reyes Quezada
Pia Wong
Nancy Watkins

Others Present

Iris Riggs
Mark Cary
Nikki Nunes
Joel Colbert (via teleconference)
Ruth Fassinger
Oddmund Myhre
Chris Boosalis
Gary Gramenz
Keith Walters
Cheryl Myers
Peggy Lord

Absent Members

Sally Plicka

Staff Members Present

Teri Clark, Administrator
Rebecca Parker, Consultant
Teri Ackerman, Analyst/Recorder
Cathy Creeggan, Consultant
Jan Jones Wadsworth, Consultant
Paula Jacobs, Consultant
Geri Mohler, Consultant

Item 1-CALL TO ORDER

The May 2010 meeting of the Committee on Accreditation was called to order by Gary Kinsey, Co-Chair, at 1:04 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19, 2010.

Item 2-APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Lynne Cook moved approval of the April 2010 agenda. Ellen Curtis-Pearce seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Item 3-APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 2010 MINUTES

Ellen Curtis-Pearce moved approval of the April 2010 minutes as amended. Anne Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Item 4-CO-CHAIR AND MEMBER REPORTS

- Co-Chair, Nancy Watkins is looking forward to returning to CSU Fullerton for the summer as adjunct faculty in the Masters of Education program.
- Lynne Cook is in the process of teaching World History to a group of 10th graders every morning for three months.
- Carol Leighty apologized for missing the April meeting, but she was in Korea with the exchange teachers she has been affiliated with over the past year. She called it the trip of a lifetime and was impressed at the Korean respect for education. She also referenced AB1025 and referred to the negative unintentional consequences to a well intentioned bill.
- Anne Jones mentioned that Steven Bossert is stepping down as the Dean of Education for UC Riverside. A nationwide search is being conducted to fill his position.

Item 5-STAFF REPORTS

- Administrator, Teri Clark handed out copies of the completed and bound COA Procedures Manual.
- Administrator Clark noted that she attended the AERA meeting in April along with fellow administrator Phyllis Jacobson and consultant, Marjorie Suckow. Additional news from the conference was that TEAC and NCATE will be recommending unification to their respective boards in October.
- Administrator Clark announced that the University of San Diego has been approved by NCATE to participate in a Transformation Initiative visit. Consultant Cheryl Hickey will facilitate the visit. (All four CTC/NCATE merged visits will use the Continuous Improvement model in the 2010-11 year.)
- Administrator Clark also announced that Consultant, Mary Rice will be leaving the Commission at the end of May and will be moving to Kauai.
- The 2010-11 Commission budget is still up in the air at this time.
- The last accreditation visit of the 2009-10 year ended one month ago.

Item 6-PROGRAM APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS

This item was introduced by Co-Chair, Gary Kinsey.

A. Programs for Approval by the Committee on Accreditation

It was moved, seconded (Leighty/Cook) and carried (Jimenez, Kinsey and Griggs recused) to grant initial accreditation to the following programs of professional preparation:

Program of Professional Preparation for the Career and Technical Education Credential
Fresno Pacific University

Programs of Professional Preparation for the Single Subject Teaching Credential in Mathematics and Science (Experimental Program)
University of California, Berkeley

Program of Professional Preparation for the Preliminary Administrative Services Credential (Experimental Programs Standard)
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

Program of Preparation for the Education Specialist Clear Credential Program
Sacramento County Office of Education
Ventura County Office of Education

B. Notification about the Transition of Professional Preparation Programs

This information provided information to the Committee on Accreditation about programs which have transitioned to recently updated standards. No action was called for.

Education Specialist – Added Authorizations: Autism Spectrum Disorders
Madera County Office of Education
UCLA Extension
CSU San Marcos

C. Program(s) of Professional Preparation Moving to Inactive Status

This item provided information to the Committee on Accreditation about programs which have requested their programs be moved to inactive status. No action was called for.

University of California, Riverside
Administrative Services Credential, effective August 31, 2010.

Los Angeles Unified School District
Tier II Guidance Based Administrative Services Credential, effective April 19, 2010.

Item 7-ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL CHAPTERS OF THE ACCREDITATION HANDBOOK

Consultant Rebecca Parker, presented the items in this report. It was moved, seconded (Cook/Griggs) and carried that staff will make changes to Chapters 5 and 6 as suggested by the COA and will bring the edited chapters to the COA in June for adoption by the committee.

Item 8-SB5x 1: RECOMMENDATIONS TO FORWARD TO THE COMMISSION

Administrator Teri Clark presented the item to the COA. It was moved, seconded (Wong/Leighty) and carried that the COA forward the following recommendations to the Commission:

- That the *Requirements for Organizations that are not Regionally Accredited to Offer Educator Preparation Programs in California* presented in this item serve as the Commission's initial process for NGO or CBOs to establish institutional viability as required by SBX5 1.
- That full accreditation by NCATE be deemed to have met the Commission's requirement of regional accreditation for initial institutional approval if the entity submits adequate information for the four sentences of the Commission's Common Standards which are not adequately addressed by the NCATE Unit Standards.
- That the COA monitor the alternative process for institutional approval and report to the Commission at least annually on the process and entities that have utilized the process.
- That the process adopted by the Commission in June 2010 be considered the initial process and as information is collected on the process, the Commission review and possibly fine tune the process in the future.

Item 9-TPA AND ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES

Administrator Teri Clark presented this information item in the absence of its authors, Administrator Terry Janicki and Consultant Cheryl Hickey. The two members of the TPA Users Advisory Committee, Anne Jones and Pia Wong provided an oral update to the COA.

Item 10-PLAN FOR 2010-2011

Administrator Teri Clark presented this information item regarding the 2010-11 accreditation site visit schedule. This item will be brought back to the COA in June as an action item, proposing an additional meeting date in March due to the number of accreditation reports which will be presented to the COA in the 2010-11 year.

Item 11-GUIDANCE FOR PROGRAM EQUIVALENCY

This information item was presented by Administrator, Teri Clark. A draft of the *Guidance on Granting Equivalency* document was presented to the COA for discussion and input. This item will be placed on the June COA agenda as an action item.

RECESS

The meeting was recessed by Co-Chair, Gary Kinsey at 4:30 p.m. on May 19, 2010.

RECONVENE

The meeting was reconvened at 8:33 a.m. on Thursday, May 20, 2010 by Co-Chair, Nancy Watkins.

Item 12-PROSPECTIVE EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM CONCEPT

This information item was presented by Consultant, Rebecca Parker. The item continued the discussion of procedures programs are to follow in proposing new Experimental Programs and provided two concepts for experimental programs being considered by currently accredited institutions for discussion by the COA.

Item 13- REPORT ON STIPULATIONS FOR SAN DIEGO COE

Consultant, Cathy Creeggan presented this item. After committee discussion, it was moved, seconded (Jones/Abrams) and carried that the original team finding of *Accreditation with Stipulations* be changed to *Accreditation*.

Item 14-TRANSITION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Administrator Teri Clark introduced Consultant Jan Jones-Wadsworth, who assisted in presenting this updated item on the transition of Education Specialist credential programs to the program standards adopted by the Commission between December 2008 and early 2010.

Item 15-REPORT OF THE ACCREDITATION SITE VISIT TO CSU, STANISLAUS

Consultant Paula Jacobs stood in for Administrator, Terry Janicki and introduced Team Lead Joel Colbert, who appeared via teleconference, and university representatives Ruth Fassinger, Dean of Education; Oddmund Myhre and Chris Boosalis.

After committee discussion, it was moved, seconded (Jones/Curtis-Pierce) and carried (Quezada recused) that the committee accept the team recommendation of *Accreditation with Stipulations* as presented. The stipulations read as follows:

- *That the California State University, Stanislaus College of Education continue to develop and implement a unit-wide assessment system and apply that system across unit programs. The system is to include: data collection, aggregation, and analysis related to unit outcomes; use of those data for unit improvement; and a means for assessing the effectiveness of the system. In addition, that the COE provide evidence that assessment is being used systematically for program improvement,*
- *That the institution provides evidence about actions taken to address stipulations within one year of the date of action by the Committee on Accreditation.*

Item 16-INFORMATION ON THE TEACHING FOUNDATIONS EXAMINATION

Administrator Teri Clark presented this information item to the Committee. After discussion, it was agreed that this item would be brought back to the Committee at a future meeting and additional information regarding the scoring process will be provided.

Item 17-REPORT ON THE ACCREDITATION SITE VISIT TO FRESNO PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

Consultant Geri Mohler acted on behalf of Administrator Terry Janicki and introduced Team Leader, Mark Cary and Dean, Gary Gramenz, who represented the university and answered questions.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded (Cook/Leighty) and carried (Jimenez recused) to accept the team recommendation of *Accreditation with Stipulations*. The stipulations read as follows:

- *That the Fresno Pacific University School of Education create and institute a research-based vision of educator preparation that is responsive to California's adopted standards and curriculum frameworks and provides evidence that this vision is being used to provide direction for programs, courses, teaching, candidate performance and experiences, scholarship, service, collaboration and unit accountability.*
- *That the Fresno Pacific University School of Education develop and implement a unit-wide assessment system and apply that system across unit programs. The system is to include data collection related to unit outcomes and use of that data for unit improvement. In addition, the SOE is to provide evidence that assessment is being used systematically for program improvement in all programs.*
- *That the institution provide evidence to the Team Lead and to Commission Staff regarding actions taken to address stipulations within one year of the date of this action by the Committee on Accreditation.*

Item 18-REPORT OF THE ACCREDITATION VISIT TO SAN DIEGO CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Consultant Rebecca Parker introduced Team Leader, Keith Walters and Cheryl Myers and Peggy Lord, who represented the university and answered questions.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded (Leighty/Cook) and carried (two opposed) to accept the team recommendation of ***Accreditation with Major Stipulations*** with the additional amendments that: *San Diego Christian College not be permitted to propose new credential programs for approval by the Committee on Accreditation and: the institution is required to notify all candidates in the Multiple Subject and Single Subject credential programs, by letter, of the current accreditation status of the college.*

The stipulations read as follows:

- *That the institution fully integrate the instruction of content specific pedagogy as defined by state-adopted academic content standards and curriculum frameworks into coursework and fieldwork.*
- *The institution must organize, implement, and document regular, formal training for college and district-employed supervisors to ensure they can support and evaluate candidates' abilities during fieldwork in light of the knowledge and skills being taught in the college coursework.*
- *The institution must create and implement a collaborative partnership that includes several district-employed personnel to systematically engage in substantive dialog related to quality and effectiveness of the design and the implementation of SDCC candidate preparation.*
- *The institution must continue to implement and refine its assessment and evaluation system to ensure that data are systematically aggregated, analyzed, and utilized for ongoing program and unit evaluation.*

Item 19-PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present at the time of this item.

Item 20-DEBRIEF ON ACCREDITATION DECISION MAKING

The COA reviewed decisions made over the two days of the meeting.

Item 21-ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Co-Chair Gary Kinsey at 3:30 p.m. on May 20, 2010