

# COMMITTEE ON ACCREDITATION MINUTES

January 20, 2011

Commission on Teacher Credentialing  
Sacramento, California

## Committee Members Present

Joyce Abrams  
Ellen Curtis-Pierce  
Pia Wong  
Joseph Jimenez  
Gary Kinsey  
Kiran Kumar  
Carol Leighty  
Sally Plicka  
Iris Riggs  
Reyes Quezada  
Pia Wong

## Absent Members

Anne Jones  
Nancy Watkins

## Staff Members Present

Teri Clark, Acting Division Director  
Cheryl Hickey, Acting Administrator  
Teri Ackerman, Analyst/Recorder  
Marilynn Fairgood, Consultant

## Others Present

Peter Jones  
Mel Hunt  
Karen Schuster Webb  
Russ Newman

### **Item 1-CALL TO ORDER**

The January 2011 meeting of the Committee on Accreditation was called to order by Co-Chair Carol Leighty at 9:35 a.m. on Thursday, January 20, 2011.

### **Item 2-APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Joyce Abrams moved approval of the January 2011 agenda. Gary Kinsey seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

### **Item 3-APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 2010 MINUTES**

Ellen Curtis-Pierce moved approval of the November 2010 minutes as presented. Joseph Jimenez seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

#### **Item 4-CO-CHAIR AND MEMBER REPORTS**

- Gary Kinsey announced that he will be the Dean of Education at CSU, Channel Islands as of April 1, 2011.
- Carol Leighty announced the birth of her new grandson.
- Joseph Jimenez announced the birth of two new grandsons.
- Reyes Quezada attended a two week seminar in Rome with other University of San Diego faculty. The seminar focused on cultural diversity. During his stay, Reyes visited a monastery and also attended mass led by Pope Benedict XVI.
- Kiran Kumar discussed the language issues she faced during her recent visit to India. She found it gave her a new appreciation for children struggling with bilingual learning issues.

#### **Item 5-STAFF REPORTS**

Acting Administrator, Cheryl Hickey shared the following:

- She noted her new found appreciation of all of the work Teri Clark did while serving as Administrator of Accreditation. She then introduced Brenda Cunningham, a staff member currently on loan to the Professional Services Division from the Certification and Waivers Division of the Commission. Brenda is working on several accreditation related activities.
- Nancy Watkins and Gary Kinsey presented the *COA Annual Report* to the Commission at the December 2010 Commission meeting. Commission members were interested in the report and fully engaged. Carol Leighty will be taking part in the accreditation study session at the January 2011 meeting of the Commission.
- Ting Sun was re-elected as Chair of the Commission and has appointed Dan Chernow as the new Commission liaison to the COA.
- BIR training was held in Sacramento, January 9-12, 2011 for the first time without Teri Clark at the helm. The training went well and provided the BIR with new members who will be serving in accreditation activities. The next BIR training is tentatively scheduled for August, in southern California.
- Accreditation administrators and staff have been busy planning the accreditation visits for the 2010-11 year. Processes and procedures for the BTSA CRDs have been developed and staff is ensuring they have all of the information they need and are aware of what their roles in the accreditation visit will entail.
- COA applications are available on the web site and are being accepted until February 25, 2011.
- Larry Birch officially retired in late December. He will be back at the Commission as a “retired annuitant” once the hiring freeze has ended.
- Three new commissioners were appointed by former Governor Schwarzenegger in December. There are two current openings on the commission.
- Governor Brown’s January budget proposal does not contain any major changes for the Commission’s budget.
- A Commission conference is scheduled for April 5-6, 2011, reflecting on the ten years since SB 2042 came into effect.

**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 (Wong/Curtis-Pierce) and carried (Jimenez and Riggs recused) to grant initial accreditation to the following programs of professional preparation:

Programs of Professional Preparation for the Clear Educational Specialist Credential

*San Mateo-Foster City School District*  
*Riverside County Office of Education*  
*San Juan Unified School District*  
*Capistrano Unified School District*  
*Marin County Office of Education*  
*Stanislaus County Office of Education*  
*San Ramon Valley Unified School District*  
*San Diego County Office of Education*  
*Alliant University*  
*California State University, Northridge*  
*San Joaquin County office of Education*  
*Vista Unified School District*

Program of Professional Preparation for the Education Specialist Mild/Moderate Disabilities Program

*Whittier College*

Program of Professional Preparation for the Education Specialist Added Authorization

*Orange Unified School District – Autism Spectrum Disorder*

Program of Professional Preparation for the Clear Multiple/Single Subject Credential through Induction

*Azusa Pacific University*

Program of Professional Preparation for the Bilingual Authorization

*California State University, Dominguez Hills (Spanish)*

Program of Professional Preparation for the Preliminary Administrative Services Credential

*Argosy University*

Program of Professional Preparation for the Career and Technical Education Credential

*University of California, Riverside Extension*

**B. Notification about the Transition of Professional Preparation Programs**

This information is provided to the Committee on Accreditation about programs which have transitioned to recently updated standards.

*There were none. No action was called for.*

**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.

***Claremont Graduate University:*** Administrative Services Credential, effective December 31, 2010.

***Santa Clara University:***\*

Education Specialist: Mild/Moderate Disabilities, Level I and Level II Credentials

Education Specialist: Mild/Moderate Disabilities, Intern Option

Education Specialist: Early Childhood Special Education, Level I and Level II Credentials

Education Specialist: Early Childhood Internship Option

Education Specialist: Early Childhood Certificate

Reading and Language Arts Specialist Credential

Reading Certificate

Preliminary Multiple Subject, Intern Option

Preliminary Single Subject, Intern Option

***\*No candidates have been accepted into these programs in 2011. Santa Clara University is focusing on its Preliminary Multiple and Single Subject and the Preliminary Administrative Services Program. These nine programs will return to the COA to be withdrawn as of December, 2012.***

**D. Professional Preparation Programs Requesting Reactivation**

It was moved, seconded (Kumar/Abrams) and carried to grant accreditation reactivation to the following programs of professional preparation:

General Education Clear Programs

***Pacific Union College***

***CSU, Fullerton***

***Santa Clara University***

**E. Recommendation About the Withdrawal of Professional Preparation Program**

It was moved, seconded (Plicka/Jimenez) and carried to grant withdrawal to the following programs of professional preparation:

***Alameda County Office of Education – Adult Education Credential Program (effective February 1, 2011)***

***Bethany University – Multiple and Single Subject Clear Credential***

***University of California, Riverside Administrative Services Credential – Tier I***

***Newport-Mesa Unified School District BTSA Program***

***Imperial County Office of Education – Designated Subjects Programs:***

***Adult Education***

***Career Technical Education (5 year preliminary)***

*Special Subjects*  
*Supervision and Coordination*

**Item7- COMMON STANDARDS DESCRIPTORS**

Acting Administrator, Cheryl Hickey presented this item. It was moved, seconded (Jimenez/Quezada) and carried to rescind the COA's previously adopted Common Standards Descriptors. This action maintains the Common Standards with no descriptors. Members of the COA expressed an interest in possibly revisiting this issue at a future COA meeting, perhaps in the summer of 2011.

**Item 8-DISCUSSION OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF APPROVED INSTITUTIONS**

Acting Director Teri Clark presented this action item to the COA. It was moved, seconded (Abrams/Curtis-Pierce) and carried to approve in concept to change the proposed revised definition of the term *professional placement* in the Common Standards Glossary for use beginning with the Spring 2011 accreditation site visits. This item will be brought back to the COA at its March meeting for further consideration.

**Item 9-DISCUSSION OF THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS OFFERED IN CALIFORNIA**

Acting Director Teri Clark presented this item which contained information regarding the responsibilities of Commission approved educator preparation programs and possible additions/revisions to the current General Preconditions which would include the role of LEAs as program sponsors. This item will be brought back to the COA for additional discussion and possible action at a later date.

**Item10- DEMONSTRATION OF THE TEACHER EDUCATION INTEGRATED INFORMATION SYSTEM**

Acting Administrator Cheryl Hickey introduced Peter Jones from UC Irvine, who provided an informed demonstration of the Teacher Education Integrated Information System (TEIIS) and many of the applications available through this system, including candidate assessment data retrieval.

**Item 11-UPDATE ON THE NCATE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ON CLINICAL PRACTICE**

Acting Director, Teri Clark presented this information item to the COA, beginning discussion as to how the California accreditation system and standards align with the recommendations in the NCATE's report.

**Item 12-REPORT ON THE RE-VISIT TO ALLIANT UNIVERSITY**

Consultant Marilyn Fairgood introduced Team Lead, Mel Hunt and university representatives Russ Newman, Provost, and Karen Schuster-Webb, Director, Teacher Education. It was moved, seconded (Curtis-Pierce/Plicka) and carried to change the accreditation status of Alliant International University from *Accreditation with Probationary Stipulations* to *Accreditation*.

**Item 13- UC SAN DIEGO EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM PROPOSAL**

Director Teri Clark presented this information item in the absence of Rebecca Parker. Comment by the COA will be used to guide staff at the institution as they continue to prepare the experimental program which will be brought back to the COA at a later date.

**Item 14–EVALUATION OF SELECTED ACTIVITIES IN THE ACCREDITATION SYSTEM**

Acting Director Teri Clark presented this information item for the absent Rebecca Parker. The item covered those categories of standards found to be “other than met” during the 2008-09 and 2009-10 accreditation site visits. One of the uses for this information is to assist programs with upcoming site visits to understand which standards have been challenging for institutions and to better prepare them prior to their site visit.

**Item 15-DISCUSSION OF POLICY WITH RESPECT TO COA FOCUSED REVIEWS**

Acting Administrator Cheryl Hickey presented this information item, beginning a discussion of the types of situations that should be brought to the attention of the COA for the purpose of possibly scheduling a focused review during the institution’s seven year accreditation cycle in addition to the regularly scheduled sixth year visit. Staff will use the comments from the COA on this topic to draft an agenda item for further discussion at a future COA meeting.

**Item 16-DISCUSSION OF THE PROCESS TO REMOVE A COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Acting Administrator Cheryl Hickey presented this item which began the discussion about a possible Commission policy and process regarding removal of a member of the COA prior to the end of their term, should it be necessary. Staff will begin drafting rules of conduct to be used for orienting new members to the COA. This item will be brought back to the COA at a future meeting for additional discussion.

**Item 17 - DISCUSSION OF TRANSFORMATIONAL INITIATIVE PROPOSAL FOR CSU, MONTEREY BAY**

This information item, which presented a proposal for participation in the NCATE Transformational Initiative accreditation option from CSU Monterey Bay was presented by Acting Director Teri Clark. COA members provided comment which will be communicated to the institution prior to the development of the full Transformational Initiative proposal.

**Item 18 –PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no members of the public present to comment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Co-Chair Carol Leighty at 2:38 p.m. on January 20, 2011.