

Selection of COA Meeting Dates June 2011

Overview of this Report

At the May 2011 COA meeting, the COA considered possible upcoming meeting dates. This agenda item is presented now for COA consideration and action. Last year the COA chose meeting dates for the 2010-11 year through the end of the 2011 calendar year. Staff has prepared options for a calendar of COA meetings for the 2012 calendar year. Consideration has been given to state, federal and religious holidays. In order to provide sufficient parking in the Commission lot, consideration was also given to the dates the Committee of Credentials meets. We had hoped the calendar for the Committee on Credentials would be published by the date of this agenda item, allowing COA members to plan meetings around those of the Committee on Credentials. The dates of the COC meetings have been estimated. Generally the Committee of Credentials meets the third week of the month.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the COA take action to adopt meeting dates for the remainder of 2011 and 2012.

Background

As in 2010-11, most of the meetings will be two day meetings due to the number of accreditation reports to be presented. Staff has included calendar options for meeting dates on Wednesday and Thursday, as those seem to be the days preferred by both the members of the COA and staff. Because the Commission room is generally in use earlier in the week, staff believes the Wednesday/Thursday or possibly Thursday/Friday dates continue to be the best option for COA meetings.

At the May meeting, staff was alerted of the possibility of a conflict with the California Association of Professors of Education Administration (CAPEA) conference dates. Staff took into consideration the request from COA members to review the CAPEA dates and to offer options to those dates in both 2011 and 2012 to possibly avoid scheduling conflicts. As a result, staff is offering an alternative to the adopted August 2011 meeting date and proposing two possible meeting dates for August 2012. Although the CAPEA dates are not available for 2012 at this time, staff is offering an alternate choice of dates to be voted on in case the CAPEA dates are similar to those in 2011. At this time, there appears to be no conflict with CAPEA and the adopted October COA meeting date for 2011.

The proposed schedule has been designed to avoid conflicts with the following annual educational conferences:

	2012
Association of Teacher Educators (ATE)	February 12-16
American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE)	February 10-13
California Council of Teacher Education (CCTE)	March 29-31
American Educational Research Association (AERA)	April 13-17
National Council for Accreditation of Teacher	<i>May 16-18 or</i>

Education (NCATE)	<i>May 23-25</i>
National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC)	June 3-6
Credential Counselors and Analyst of California (CCAC)	October 9-12
California Council of Teacher Education (CCTE)	October 29-31

Italics=tentative

The Commission sets its calendar on a calendar year basis while historically the COA has set its calendar on a fiscal/school year basis. Last year, the COA acted on dates through the end of the 2011 year, bringing the COA schedule setting in line with the Commission.

Commission Meeting Dates

2012
January 26-27
March 8
April 26-27
June 14
August 9
September 27-28
November 1
December 6-7

Provided below are the adopted COA meeting dates for 2010-2011. In the two right hand columns are a choice of comparable meeting dates for the 2011-2012 year and the fall of 2012. The COA is to select one of the two options for each of the proposed meeting dates.

COA Meeting Dates

Meeting Month	Adopted 2010-11 Meeting Dates	Proposed COA Meeting Dates	
		2011-2012	2012-2013
August	August 3-4, 2010	August 2-3, 2011 <i>(adopted)</i> <i>or</i> Aug 11-12, 2011 (Th-F) <i>(would need to be acted upon by the COA)</i>	August 1-2, 2012 (W/TH) <i>or</i> August 15-16, 2012 (W/TH)
October	October 22, 2010 *November 5, 2010	October 20-21, 2011 <i>(adopted)</i>	Oct. 17-18, 2012 W/TH or Nov. 8-9, 2012 W/TH

January	January 19-20, 2011	February 1-2, 2012 W/TH	-
March	March 17-18, 2011	March 14-15, 2012 W/TH	
April	April 21-22, 2011	April 18-19, 2012 W/TH	
May	May 25-26, 2011	May 30-31, 2012 W/TH	-
June	June 23-24, 2011	June 27-28, 2012 W/TH	-

**Meeting was originally set for October, but subsequent action moved it to November.*