

COMMITTEE ON ACCREDITATION MINUTES

January 20-21, 2010

Commission on Teacher Credentialing
Sacramento, California

Committee Members Present

Joyce Abrams
Lynne Cook
Ellen Curtis-Pierce
Joseph Jimenez 1/21 only
Anne Jones 1/21 only
Gary Kinsey
Carol Leighty
Sally Plicka
Reyes Quezada
Nancy Watkins
Pia Wong

Ting Sun, Commission Liaison

Absent Members

Dana Griggs

Staff Members Present

Teri Clark, Administrator
Cheryl Hickey, Consultant
Teri Ackerman, Analyst/Recorder
Jan Jones Wadsworth, Consultant
Marilynn Fairgood, Consultant
Marilyn Errett, Administrator Office of
Governmental Relations

Others Present

Mark Cary
Jo Birdsell
Mel Hunt
Karen Schuster Webb
Michele Smith
Joel Colbert (teleconference)
Jacob Perea (teleconference)
Nick Certo (teleconference)
Nina Potter (teleconference)
Beverly Cabello
Michael Spagna

Item 1-CALL TO ORDER

The January 2010 meeting of the Committee on Accreditation was called to order by Gary Kinsey, Co-Chair, at 1:32 p.m. on Wednesday, January 20, 2010.

Item 2-APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Lynne Cook moved approval of the January 2010 agenda. Joyce Abrams seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Item 3-APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER, 2009 MINUTES

Carol Leighty moved approval of the October 2009 minutes as presented. Ellen Curtis-Pierce seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Item 4-CO-CHAIR AND MEMBER REPORTS

- Carol Leighty announced that she will be retiring as Superintendent of the Temecula Valley Unified School District effective June 30. She is making arrangements to continue on as a member of the COA.
- Co-Chair, Nancy Watkins and former Co-Chair, Ruth Sandlin presented the COA Annual Report to the Commission on December 9, 2009. The report and presentation were received favorably, with some of the commissioners stating they were impressed at the detail of the report and the work the COA completed over the 2008-09 accreditation year. She also added that her school district (Placentia-Yorba Linda) had ratified four furlough days for the current school year.
- Gary Kinsey congratulated Ting Sun for her election as Chair of the Commission. Chair Sun will continue to serve as Commission liaison to the COA until a replacement can be found.

Item 5-STAFF REPORTS

- Administrator, Teri Clark shared highlights of her Christmas in Hawaii
- BIR Training was held in Riverside, January 10-13. Staff found it to be an exciting group of new members who are ready to participate in upcoming accreditation site visits.
- Administrator Clark noted that the COA application process for new members has begun with applications being accepted through February 25, 2010. There are two K-12 positions open and one Higher Education position available. Administrator Clark stressed that the COA needs as many K-12 candidates as possible in order to have a good base from which to interview applicants.
- Consultant Cheryl Hickey and Administrator, Teri Clark presented an overview of California's Accreditation System at the Western Association of School and Colleges (WASC) meeting in San Diego earlier this month, with a favorable response.
- Consultant Cheryl Hickey conveyed a message from Consultant, Terry Janicki, letting the COA know that staff will be recommending the removal of Stipulations for Mills College at the April COA meeting.
- Consultant Cheryl Hickey also recapped the conversation at the December Commission meeting, regarding Teacher Leadership.

Item 6-PROGRAM APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS

This item was introduced by Co-Chair, Nancy Watkins.

Program(s) of Professional Preparation for the Single Subject Credential

It was moved, seconded (Wong/Leighty) and carried to grant initial accreditation to the following program of professional preparation:

Hope International University

Preliminary Single Subject Credential

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

It was moved/seconded (Curtis-Pierce/Plicka) and carried to grant initial accreditation to following program of teacher preparation:

University of Phoenix

Preliminary Administrative Services Credential Program

Program(s) of Professional Preparation for the Bilingual Teacher Authorization

It was moved/seconded (Wong/Abrams) and carried to grant initial accreditation to the following program of teacher preparation:

Loyola Marymount University

Bilingual Authorization (Spanish, Mandarin)

Item 7-REPORT ON THE ACCREDITATION REVISIT TO ALLIANT INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Consultant, Marilynn Fairgood introduced Team Lead, Mel Hunt. In addition, she introduced the Dean of Education, Karen Shuster-Webb and Professor Michele Smith, who represented the university and answered questions presented to the institution by the COA.

After Committee discussion, it was moved, seconded (Cook/Abrams) and carried (Kinsey recused) (Quezada/Wong abstained) that the status of Alliant International University continue as Accreditation with Probationary Stipulations and that a team revisit to the institution be conducted within nine months of the date of this action. The institution is not permitted to submit new programs for approval to the COA until the revisit has been completed.

Item 8-REPORT ON THE ACCREDITATION REVISIT TO CSU LONG BEACH

Administrator Teri Clark presented this information item to the COA. After the 2007 joint CTC/NCATE visit to the university, the COA adopted an accreditation decision of Accreditation while the NCATE Unit Accreditation Board adopted an accreditation decision of Accreditation with Conditions and required a Focused Visit in Fall, 2009. Because the NCATE/CTC protocol requires all accreditation activities in California be conducted jointly, even though CSU Long Beach did not need to respond to any stipulations for the COA, Commission staff and a member of the original site visit team participated in the Focused Visit.

Item 9-DISCUSSION OF COA PROCEDURES MANUAL

Consultant Cheryl Hickey presented this information item. Comments from the COA members about the proposed changes to the Procedures Manual and additional suggestions will be incorporated into the Draft Procedures Manual and brought back to the COA at the April meeting. Ms. Hickey asked for clarification whether the item was ready to be brought back for

action. Members of the COA indicated that the item could be brought back for action at the next meeting.

Item 10-DISCUSSION OF A DRAFT STANDARDS ALIGNMENT MATRIX WITH THE AMERICAN SPEECH AND HEARING ASSOCIATION (ASHA)

Administrator Teri Clark presented this information item which covers a proposed alignment comparing California's adopted program standards for the (Educational Specialist) Other Related Services: Speech-Language Pathology Services Credential with the American Speech-Language-Hearing (ASHA) adopted program standards.

Staff will collect stakeholder feedback on the proposed alignment and return to the COA at a future meeting for consideration and possible adoption.

RECESS

The meeting was recessed by Co-Chair, Gary Kinsey at 4:27 p.m. on January 20, 2010.

RECONVENE

The meeting was reconvened at 8:34 a.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2010 by Co-Chair, Gary Kinsey.

Item 20 – DISCUSSION OF SB5X1

This item was scheduled at the beginning of Day 2 of the meeting so as to provide adequate time for discussion. The item provided information on Senate Bill 5X1 (Steinberg) which contains various provisions intended to make California more competitive for federal Race to the Top education grant funding. Marilyn Errett, from the Commission's Office of Government Relations was available to add information and answer questions for the COA.

A volunteer subcommittee (Cook, Leighty, Curtis-Pierce, Jimenez) was formed and will set a date to meet with staff and a consultant from the intern program in order to develop a process that authorizes additional high-quality alternative route educator preparation programs in the areas of science, mathematics and career technical education, provided by school districts, county offices of education, community based organizations and nongovernmental organizations.

Staff will bring a draft of the proposed process to the Committee on Accreditation in April.

Item 11-SELECTION OF MEETING DATES FOR FALL 2010

Administrator, Teri Clark presented this information item offering a selection of meeting dates for the second half of the 2010 calendar year and the 2010-11 year. After general discussion by the committee, staff will return in April with an action item with dates for the remainder of the 2010 calendar year and all of the 2011 year.

Item 12-UPDATES ON THE BIENNIAL REPORTS SUBMITTED IN 2008-09

Consultant, Cheryl Hickey presented this information item which continued the discussion begun at the October 2009 meeting of the COA regarding the first full year of implementation of the biennial reports, submitted in 2008-09.

An analysis of the data submitted for Education Specialist Credentials and Pupil Personnel Credentials was presented to the COA.

Item 13- ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL CHAPTERS OF THE ACCREDITATION HANDBOOK

Administrator Teri Clark presented this action item which brought previously reviewed chapters of the *Accreditation Handbook* to the COA for adoption.

- It was moved, seconded (Leighty/Wong) and carried to approve Chapter 1 of the *Accreditation Handbook* with revisions as suggested.
- It was moved, seconded (Quezada/Abrams) and carried to approve Chapter 2 of the *Accreditation Handbook* with revisions as suggested.
- It was moved, seconded (Cook/Jones) and carried to approve Chapter 9 of the *Accreditation Handbook* with revisions as suggested.
- It was moved, seconded (Cook/Jimenez) and carried to approve Chapter 10 of the *Accreditation Handbook* with revisions as suggested.
- It was moved, seconded (Wong/Abrams) and carried to approve Chapter 11 of the *Accreditation Handbook* with revisions as accepted.

Item 14-REPORT OF THE ACCREDITATION REVISIT TO SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY

Administrator Teri Clark introduced Team Lead, Joel Colbert and institution representatives Nicholas Certo, Professor of Special Education and Jacob Parea, Dean of the College of Education who all were present via videoconference, due to inclement weather.

After committee discussion, it was moved, seconded (Jimenez/Curtis-Pierce) and carried that approval of the original team finding of Accreditation with Technical Stipulations be changed to Accreditation.

Item 15- DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TEACHER EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (TEAC)

Administrator Teri Clark presented this action item which requested the COA take action to approve the *Agreement for Conducting California Educator Preparation Program Approval and Accreditation in conjunction with the Teacher Education Accreditation Council* and to have Executive Director Janssen enter into a two year agreement with TEAC.

After committee discussion, it was moved, seconded (Jones/Plicka) and carried to adopt the agreement as presented with revisions as agreed upon in the discussion.

Item 16- REPORT OF THE ACCREDITATION SITE VISIT TO SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

Administrator Teri Clark introduced Team Lead, Mark Cary and through videoconference, Nina Potter, representing the University.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded (Curtis-Pierce/Quezada) and carried (Abrams, Leighty and Jones recused) to accept the team recommendation of Accreditation.

Item 17- REPORT OF THE ACCREDITATION SITE VISIT TO CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE

Consultant Cheryl Hickey introduced Team Lead, Jo Birdsell, Dean of Education, Michael Spagna and Interim Associate Dean, Beverly Cabello.

After discussion, it was moved, seconded (Cook/Jones) and carried to accept the team report and to accept full Accreditation.

Item 18 - PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present to comment.

Item 19 - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Co-Chair Nancy Watkins at 3:15 p.m. on January 21, 2010