

COMMITTEE ON ACCREDITATION MINUTES

March 17-18, 2011

Commission on Teacher Credentialing
Sacramento, California

Committee Members Present

Joyce Abrams
Ellen Curtis-Pierce
Joseph Jimenez
Anne Jones (3/18 only)
Gary Kinsey
Kiran Kumar
Carol Leighty
Iris Riggs
Reyes Quezada
Nancy Watkins
Pia Wong

Absent Members

Sally Plicka

Staff Members Present

Teri Clark, Division Director
Cheryl Hickey, Administrator
Rebecca Parker, Consultant
Teri Ackerman, Analyst/Recorder
Marilynn Fairgood, Consultant
Katie Croy, Consultant
Wayne Bacer, Consultant

Others Present

Mel Hunt
Lisa Danielson
Cara Mendoza
Judith Cameron
Charlotte Aldrich
Michelle Majeski
Anna Weidhofer
Jasmine Valenzuela
Lauren Francoisse
Debbie Parker
LaRie Colosimo
Mark Cary
Patricia Beal
Paula Motley
Rachel Ayres
Beverly Gilbert
Linda Dawson
Don Cardinal
Diane Ferguson
Keith Walters
Mary Crist
John Shoup

Item 1-CALL TO ORDER

The March 2011 meeting of the Committee on Accreditation was called to order by Co-Chair Carol Leighty at 10:03 a.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2011.

Item 2-APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Pia Wong moved approval of the March 2011 agenda. Kiran Kumar seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Item 3-APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 2011 MINUTES

Joseph Jimenez moved approval of the January 2011 minutes as presented. Pia Wong seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Item 4-CO-CHAIR AND MEMBER REPORTS

- Joseph Jimenez visited a Mexican History class in the Los Banos Unified School District which is instilling pride in the students of Mexican heritage. The students who have taken the class are doing better in all of their classes. Joseph also offered a St. Patrick's Day remembrance of his former principal, Geri Murphy.
- Pia Wong announced she has been advocating against the budget cuts in the Sacramento City School District. Her supporters are growing, as the collective feeling is that the districts can no longer make do with anything less than they now have.
- Nancy Watkins discussed the "budgetary attack on the teaching profession" referring to the sentiment that education degrees are being considered as "wasted money by those who have the power to control state education funding. There is concern that teaching programs will be cut and that the policies COA has implemented over the years may be questioned.
- Carol Leighty along with Cheryl Hickey and Teri Clark presented a study session on the accreditation system to the Commission. They received an overwhelmingly positive reaction from the commissioners.

Item 5-STAFF REPORTS

Director, Teri Clark began by announcing Cheryl Hickey's promotion to Administrator of Accreditation. Administrator, Cheryl Hickey shared the following:

- Teri Clark was named Director of Professional Services in February 2011.
- Administrator Hickey thanked Carol Leighty for assisting in the study session presentation to the Commission.
- Dale Janssen will be retiring as Executive Director of the Commission in December of this year.
- There is no current Commission liaison to the COA at this time. Commission Chair, Ting Sun is working on securing a new liaison.
- The Commission's fourth annual Learning Conference will be held at the Kona Kai in San Diego April 5th and 6th. The conference theme is *The Learning to Teach System Ten Years Later: Lessons Learned, Places to Grow*.
- The next BIR training will be held August 14-17 in southern California, possibly San Diego. COA members are welcome to attend.

Director, Teri Clark added the following:

- The application process for the three openings on the COA closed in late February. There are two K-12 openings and one IHE opening. The current nominating panel consists of Edmundo Litton and Barbara Merino (both IHE) and Bill Redford and Karen O'Connor (both K-12). The nominating panel has reviewed the documents and interviews will be held on April 15 by a subcommittee of the Commission.
- Director Clark attended the AACTE conference in San Diego in February which she found very helpful. She also represented the Commission at the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) meeting in Washington D.C. this last Monday.
- Review panels for program assessment reading and Initial Program Review (IPR) reading are being held at the Commission two days each month.

Item 6-PROGRAM APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS

This item was introduced by Co-Chair, Carol Leighty.

A. Programs for Approval by the Committee on Accreditation

It was moved, seconded (Watkins/Kinsey) and carried (Curtis-Pierce recused) to grant initial accreditation to the following program of professional preparation:

Program of Professional Preparation for the Speech Language Pathology
Chapman University

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

Program of Professional Preparation for the Bilingual Authorization
University of California, San Diego – Spanish, Arabic, Cantonese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Vietnamese

Program of Professional Preparation for the Preliminary Education Specialist Credential
High Tech High – Preliminary Education Specialist Mild/Moderate District Internship

Program of Professional Preparation for the Clear Education Specialist Credential
San Mateo County Office of Education
Elk Grove Unified School District

Program of Professional Preparation for the Education Specialist Added Authorization
Wiseburn School District-Project Optimal – Traumatic Brain Injury

Program of Professional Preparation for the Career and Technical Education Credential
Metropolitan Education District (MetroEd)

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.

San Diego Unified School District

Single Subject Internship Credential Program, effective July 1, 2011.

Multiple Subject Internship Credential Program, effective March 17, 2011.

Education Specialist: Mild/Moderate Disabilities District Internship (Level II) Program, effective March 17, 2011.

Norwalk – La Mirada Unified School District:

General Education (MS and SS) Induction Program, effective September 2010.

D. Professional Preparation Programs Requesting Reactivation

There were none.

E. Recommendation About the Withdrawal of Professional Preparation Program

It was moved, seconded (Abrams/Watkins) and carried to grant withdrawal to the following program of professional preparation:

Saint Mary's College of California – Level I and Level II Moderate/Severe Education Specialist Credential Program

Item7- SECOND- TIER CREDENTIAL PROGRAMS AND SITE VISIT REPORTS

Director, Teri Clark presented this information item providing contextual information for the COA for the site visit reports which will be presented in Spring 2011 for institutions sponsoring second tier (Tier II) credential (induction) programs only. The discussion was focused on the manner in which some of the Common Standards apply to Tier II programs.

Item 8-SANTA ROSA CITY UNIFIED ACCREDITATION REPORT

State consultant Paula Motley (via Skype) introduced Team Lead, Patricia Beal, who presented the report. The institution was represented by Rachel Ayres. After Committee discussion, Joseph Jimenez moved approval of the accreditation team recommendation of ***Accreditation***. Ellen Curtis-Pierce seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Item 9-PROPOSED CLARIFICATION OF COMMON STANDARD 6: ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE

Administrator Cheryl Hickey presented this item which contained an update on the topic of “professional placement” contained within Common Standard 6: Advice and Assistance which was discussed at the January 2011, COA meeting. After additional discussion by the Committee, it was agreed to bring the item back in April to the Commission with a recommendation to remove the phrase in the standard.

Item 10-PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR PRECONDITION 1: LANGUAGE ADDRESSING INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE NOT REGIONALLY ACCREDITED

Director, Teri Clark presented this information item to the COA with proposed language for Precondition 1, as requested at the January meeting. Staff will make the amendments suggested at this meeting and bring the item back to the Committee for action at its April meeting.

Item 11-EVALUATION OF SELECTED ACTIVITIES IN THE ACCREDITATION SYSTEM

Consultant, Rebecca Parker presented this information item to the COA, which discussed the extent to which the program assessment process functions as a formative feedback mechanism based on the first full year of program implementation. The relationship between the program assessment and site visit review process will continue to be monitored annually by Commission staff.

Item 12-DISCUSSION OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO ALLOW INSTITUTIONS TO OFFER NEW CREDENTIAL PROGRAMS

Administrator, Cheryl Hickey presented this information item reviewing the possible actions the COA may elect to take after an institution has hosted an accreditation site visit. Discussion was held covering the circumstances which would cause the COA to prohibit an institution from proposing new credential programs.

Item 13- UNIFICATION OF NCATE AND TEAC AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION (CAEP)

Director Teri Clark presented this item providing information about the development of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). Additional information will be provided to the COA as developments occur.

Item 14-DISCUSSION OF TRANSITIONING TO A PAPERLESS COA PROCESS

Director Teri Clark and Administrator Cheryl Hickey presented this information item for discussion of the way in which the COA agendas are delivered to the members and if it is time to consider moving to a paperless process. It was agreed by those present that on a “trial basis” the April and May COA agendas will be delivered via email, with only accreditation reports being mailed out.

RECESS

The meeting was recessed by Co-Chair, Gary Kinsey at 2:42 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2011.

RECONVENE

The meeting was reconvened at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, March 18, 2011 by Co-Chair, Gary Kinsey.

Item 15-FREMONT UNIFIED ACCREDITATION REPORT

State consultant Lisa Danielson introduced Team Lead, Cara Mendoza, who presented the report. The institution was represented by Charlotte Aldrich. After Committee discussion, Anne Jones moved approval of the accreditation team recommendation of *Accreditation*. Ellen Curtis-Pierce seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Item 16-RILATO UNIFIED ACCREDITATION REPORT

Commission consultant Marilyn Fairgood introduced Team Lead, Anna Weidhofer who presented the report. The institution was represented by Lauren Francoise and Jasmine Valenzuela. After Committee discussion, it was moved, seconded (Jimenez/Quezada) and carried (Kinsey recused) to approve the accreditation team recommendation of *Accreditation with Major Stipulations* with the additional changes:

Stipulation 1: That within one year of this action, the institution hosts a re-visit with the team lead and Commission consultant to collect evidence of actions to address those standards not met or met with concern.

Stipulation 6: That a quarterly report be provided to staff to address stipulations and standards not met.

Stipulation 7: That Rialto Unified School District not be allowed to offer new credential programs until all stipulations have been removed by the COA.

Item 17 – SIA TECH ACCREDITATION REPORT

State consultant LaRie Colosimo introduced the Team Lead, Debbie Parker who presented accreditation team report. Representing the institution were Linda Dawson and Beverly Gilbert. After COA discussion, it was moved, seconded (Curtis-Pierce/Jones) and carried to accept the team recommendation of *Accreditation*.

Item 18 –CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY ACCREDITATION REPORT

Commission consultant Teri Clark introduced Team Lead, Mark Cary who presented the team report. Representing the university were Don Cardinal and Diane Ferguson. After COA discussion, it was moved, seconded (Wong/Riggs) and carried (Curtis-Pierce and Jones recused) to accept the team recommendation of *Accreditation*.

Item 19 – CALIFORNIA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY ACCREDITATION REPORT

Commission consultant Marilyn Fairgood introduced Wayne Bacer who served as an additional consultant on the visit as well as Team Lead, Mel Hunt who presented the team report. Representing the university were Mary Crist, John Shoup and Keith Walters. After COA discussion, it was moved, seconded (Curtis-Pierce/Kinsey) and carried to accept the team recommendation of *Accreditation*.

Item 20 – DEBRIF ACCREDITATION DECISIONS

The COA reviewed the decisions of the past 2 days.

Item 21 – PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present to comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Co-Chair Carol Leighty at 1:52 p.m. on March 18, 2011.