

COMMITTEE ON ACCREDITATION MINUTES

August 2-3, 2011

Commission on Teacher Credentialing
Sacramento, California

Committee Members Present

Joyce Abrams
Emelina Emaas
Anne Jones
Kiran Kumar
Kenneth Lopour
Reyes Quezada
Nancy Watkins
Pia Wong

Absent Members

Deborah Erickson
Joseph Jimenez
Gary Kinsey
Iris Riggs

Staff Members Present

Teri Clark, Division Director
Cheryl Hickey, Administrator
Rebecca Parker, Consultant
Katie Croy, Consultant
Gay Roby, Consultant
Teri Ackerman, Analyst/Recorder
Terry Janicki, Consultant
Geri Mohler, Consultant
Marilynn Fairgood, Consultant
Helen Hawley, Consultant
Karen Sacramento, Consultant
Paula Jacobs, Consultant
Kathryn Polster, Analyst
Lynette Roby, PSD
Lawrence Anderson, PSD
Darren Addington, ETSS

Others Present

August 2

Ronald Solorzano (via teleconference)
Phoebe Dea (via teleconference)
Adelina Alegria (via teleconference)
Fatima Casteneda (via teleconference)
Lamont Terry (via teleconference)
Audrey Wiens
Barb Liboldt
Debbie Long
Rick Campbell
Judy Roberts

Others Present

August 3

Judy Roberts

Marsha Buckley-Boyle (via teleconference)

LaRie Colosimo (via teleconference)

Charles Gahagan

Gary Gramenz

Item 1 - CALL TO ORDER

The August 2011 meeting of the Committee on Accreditation was called to order by Co-Chair Nancy Watkins at 1:06 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2, 2011.

Item 2 - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Joyce Abrams moved approval of the August 2011 agenda. Kiran Kumar seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Item 3 - APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 2011 MINUTES

Reyes Quezada moved approval of the June 2011 minutes as amended. Kiran Kumar seconded the motion. The motion passed without dissent.

Item 4 - CO-CHAIR AND MEMBER REPORTS

- Co-Chair Nancy Watkins welcomed new members Emelina Emaas and Kenneth Lopour to their first meeting as members of the Committee on Accreditation.
- Reyes Quezada announced that he had attended the International Council for Education of Teachers conference which was held in Glasgow, Scotland.

Item 5 - STAFF REPORTS

Administrator, Cheryl Hickey shared the following:

- Teri Clark and Patty Wohl are no longer the Acting Interim Executive Directors of the Commission. Beth Graybill, currently on loan to the Commission from the Senate Education Committee will be serving as the Interim Executive Director of the Commission until a new director is appointed.
- As of July, 2011 regulations have been approved for the following added authorizations: Early Childhood Special Education, Adaptive Physical Education and Resource Specialist.
- Protocol for the CAEP partnership is currently on hold at the request of both NCATE and TEAC. The two organizations asked all states to defer changes to the protocol until the structure of the unification process is better determined.
- The Accreditation Reports website is being revised to include, along with the accreditation team report, a copy of the letter which is sent to the institution reflecting the action taken by the COA.
- The first applicant under the alternative to the accreditation process for STEM (not regionally accredited) programs is expected this fall.
- Nadine Noelting and Darren Addington gave an update on the progress of the Credentialing Web Interface Project (CWIP) for electronic certification applicants and the institution recommendation processes which will be implemented under this process.

Item 6 - PROGRAM APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS

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

A. Programs for Approval by the Committee on Accreditation

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

Programs of Professional Preparation for the Clear Education Specialist Induction Program

San Diego Unified School District

San Luis Obispo County Office of Education

Programs of Professional Preparation for the Adult Education Program

Ventura County Office of Education

Programs of Professional Preparation for the Bilingual Authorization

CSU San Marcos – Spanish

Programs of Professional Preparation for the Education Specialist Added Authorization

Early Childhood Special Education Added Authorization

Ventura County Office of Education

Madera County Office of Education

Orthopedic Impairment

Madera County Office of Education

Autism Spectrum Disorders Added Authorization

Fresno Unified School District

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

Program of Professional Preparation for the Bilingual Authorization

CSU Sacramento – Spanish and Hmong

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

Program of Professional Preparation for the Clear Education Specialist Induction Credential

Walnut Valley BTSA Induction Consortium

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

Programs of Professional Preparation for the Career and Technical Education Credential

CSU, Long Beach

Programs of Professional Preparation for the Preliminary Administrative Services Credential
Sacramento County Office of Education

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. No action was called for.

Preliminary Education Specialist Credential: Mild/Moderate Disabilities:
National Hispanic University

Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing:
UC San Diego

Autism Spectrum Disorders Added Authorization
CSU Los Angeles
CSU East Bay
Antioch University, Los Angeles
Los Angeles Unified School District
Santa Clara University
CSU Stanislaus

Programs falling under the Regulations Effective July 20, 2011:

Adaptive Physical Education Specialist
CSU Chico
Cal Poly Pomona
San Francisco State University
CSU Long Beach
Humboldt State University
CSU San Bernardino

Early Childhood Special Education
CSU Bakersfield
San Jose State University
CSU Chico
San Diego State University
UC Riverside

Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) Services Credential
San Diego State University
University of Redlands
Resource Specialist
Azusa Pacific University

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 San Diego:

California Teachers of English Learners (CTEL) Program effective July 15, 2011.

BCLAD (Spanish Emphasis) Program, effective July 15, 2011.

Santa Rosa City School:

General Education (M/S S/S) Clear Credential Program, effective August 1, 2011.

Education Specialist Credential Program, effective August 1, 2011.

Dos Palos Oro Loma Unified School District:

General Education (M/S S/S) Clear Credential Program, effective June, 2011.

D. Professional Preparation Programs Requesting Reactivation

There were none.

E. Recommendation About the Withdrawal of Professional Preparation Programs

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

Bethany University – Multiple Subject Credential Program, effective August 12, 2011.

Single Subject Credential Program, effective August 12, 2011.

Item7 – PROGRAM APPROVAL RECOMMENDATION – BARD COLLEGE

This action item was presented by Administrator, Cheryl Hickey and Director, Teri Clark. It was moved, seconded (Lopour/Wong) and carried (Abrams abstained) to delay the vote on whether to approve the Single Subject Preliminary Teacher Preparation Program at Bard College until after the Commission has made a decision on granting initial institutional approval at their August 4 meeting. Committee member Pia Wong suggested that the Committee could hold a special meeting, via technology, after the Commission meeting to consider approval of the program if the Commission approves Bard College for initial institutional approval. Other Committee members voiced agreement with that approach.

Item 8 – CONSENT ITEM – APPROVAL OF ACCREDITATION FOR HAYWARD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

This action item was presented by Administrator, Cheryl Hickey. The COA took action in June 2011 to accept the accreditation recommendation of *Accreditation* for Hayward Unified School District. Due to a clerical error, staff requested the COA revisit the action. It was moved, seconded (Jones/Abrams) and carried to accept the team recommendation of *Accreditation*.

Item 9 – REPORT OF THE ACCREDITATION VISIT TO MERCED UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Co-Chair, Nancy Watkins introduced State Consultant, Audrey Wiens and Team Lead, Barb Libolt, who presented the team report. The institution was represented by Debbie Long. After Committee discussion, it was moved, seconded (Wong/Lopour) and carried to approve the accreditation team recommendation of *Accreditation*.

Item 10 – UPDATE ON OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

This action item was presented to the COA by Consultants, Terry Janicki and Gay Roby. Occidental College Education Department Chair, Ron Solorzano, and faculty members Phoebe Dea, Adelina Alegria, Fatima Casteneda, and Lamont Terry joined in via teleconference. After COA discussion, it was moved, seconded (Wong/Abrams) and carried to endorse the action plan for completion of the Occidental credential programs as submitted, with the addition that in future presentations a status column showing what has been done to date is to be included in the report.

Item 11 - DISCUSSION OF CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE COMMITTEE ON ACCREDITATION

Administrator, Cheryl Hickey presented this action item. At the request of the COA, staff agreed to delay action on this item and will review, along with staff counsel, suggested new language. The item will be brought back to the October meeting of the COA for action.

Item 12 – UPDATE ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CREDENTIAL ADVISOY PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS

This information item was presented by Consultant, Gay Roby. An update on the work of the Administrative Services Credential Advisory Panel (ASCAP) profiled recommendations that are to be presented to the Commission at its October meeting.

Item 13 – UPDATE ON 7TH YEAR REPORTS FROM THE 2009-10 ACCRDITATION SITE VISIT REPORTS.

Administrator, Cheryl Hickey and Consultant, Geri Mohler presented this information report. The reports of two institutions for which the COA had requested a 7th year report were reviewed.

Item 14 – ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COA TO THE COMMISSION

Administrator, Cheryl Hickey presented this action item. It was moved, seconded (Kumar/Emaas) and carried to accept the 2010-2011 Annual Report to the Commission with those changes recommended by the COA.

Item15 – DISCUSSION AND UPDATE OF BIENNIAL REPORTS

Consultant, Gay Roby presented this information report which reviewed the implementation and submission of Biennial Reports from Induction programs for the 2009-10 and 2010-11 accreditation years.

Item 16 – DISCUSSION OF DISCIPLINE PROCESS FOR EDUCATORS

This information item was presented by Director Teri Clark. The item was presented to inform the members of the COA and the public as the educator discipline process has been a focus since the Bureau of State Audits released its April 7, 2011 report. The COA will continue to be updated as discussions of California’s educator discipline process take place.

RECESS

The meeting was recessed by Co-Chair, Nancy Watkins at 4:52 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2, 2011.

RECONVENE

The meeting was reconvened at 8:35 a.m. on Wednesday, August 3, 2011 by Co-Chair, Anne Jones.

Item 17 – ACCREDITATION DEBRIEF OF 2010-11 AND PLAN FOR 2011-12.

Administrator, Teri Clark presented this item for discussion between members of the COA and Commission accreditation consultants. Discussion was used to guide the ongoing professional development of Commission consultants and also served to assist in the accreditation system’s evaluation requirements regarding the implementation of the accreditation system. Changes to the process discussed by COA members and staff will be brought back to the COA for review.

Item 18 – UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS TO ADDRESS STIPULATIONS BY FRESNO PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

Consultant Geri Mohler presented a report on the progress of Fresno Pacific University in addressing the stipulations noted in their April 2010 Accreditation Site Visit. Representing the institution was Dean, Gary Gramenz. After COA discussion, it was moved and seconded (Abrams/Watkins) to accept the staff recommendation of removal of Stipulation 1, and the retention of Stipulation 2. The accreditation status of Fresno Pacific University remains *Accreditation wit Stipulations*.

Item 19 – UPDATE ON THE QUARTERLY REPORT FROM RIALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Consultant Marilyn Fairgood presented this information item. Rialto Unified School District was given the accreditation status of *Accreditation with Major Stipulations* in March 2011. This item detailed the first quarterly progress report submitted by the Rialto USD to the Commission in June, 2011. The next quarterly progress report from Rialto USD is due to the Commission in September, 2011. An updated information report will be presented at the October 27 meeting of the COA. The accreditation revisit is scheduled for 2012.

Item 20 – DISCUSSION OR REVISIONS AND UPDATES TO THE ACCREDITATION HANDBOOK

Consultant, Gay Roby presented this information item giving an overview of possible changes to the Accreditation Handbook. Based on COA input, staff will prepare an agenda item to be presented at the October meeting of the COA.

Item 21 – PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present to comment.

Item 22– DEBRIEF ACCREDITATION DECISIONS

The COA reviewed the decisions made over the course of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Co-Chair Anne Jones at 12:47 p.m. on August 3, 2011.