

**COMMITTEE ON ACCREDITATION
MINUTES
August 3, 2020
Commission on Teacher Credentialing**

Committee Members Present

Cathy Creasia
Bob Frelly
Cheryl Forbes
Michael Hillis
Lynn Larsen
Martin Martinez
Anna Moore
Gerard Morrison
J. Kevin Taylor

Erin Sullivan, Administrator
Cara Mendoza, Administrator
Bob Loux, Consultant
Gay Roby, Consultant
Hart Boyd, Consultant
Michelle Bernardo, Secretary
Miranda Gutierrez, Consultant
Roxann Purdue, Consultant

Committee Members Absent

Cynthia Amos
Jomeline Balatayo
Katrine Czajkowski

Present Via Technology

Dr. Janice Smith-Warshaw, CSU Fresno
Dr. Chantel Cox, CSU Fresno
Tammy Johnson, UC Merced
Marianna Harris, UC Merced
Marissa Lopez, UC Merced
Janelle Barnes, UC Merced
Raquel Kusunoki, Milpitas USD
Kim Nguyen, Milpitas USD

Staff Members Present

Teri Clark, Director

Item 1 – Call to Order and Roll Call

The August 2020 meeting of the Committee on Accreditation was called to order by Co-Chair Bob Frelly at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 3, 2020. This meeting was conducted entirely electronically, with minimal presence in the Commission offices, due to the COVID 19 pandemic and Governor Newsom’s stay at home order. Introductions were made announcing the two new members of the COA, Lynn Larsen and J. Kevin Taylor.

Item 2 – Approval of the Agenda

It was moved, seconded (Martinez/Forbes: no recusals) and carried by roll call vote to approve the October 2020 agenda.

Item 3 - Approval of the Minutes of the Prior Meeting

It was moved, seconded (Moore/Hillis: no recusals:) and carried by roll call vote to approve the August 2020 minutes with no corrections.

Item 4 - Co-Chair and Member Reports

No reports from the Committee.

Item 5 – Staff Reports

Director Teri Clark announced the retirement of staff Katie Croy and Wayne Bacer. Director Clark reported on the Commission budget and the addition new staff positions

Administrator Erin Sullivan provided a report on changes to the program review process. Program review will be done virtually this fall given COVID limitations. Ms. Sullivan spoke briefly on the CSTP review panel work.

Item 6 – Program Approval Recommendations

There was 1 institution with 1 new program for approval. It was moved, seconded (Martinez/Taylor: no recusals) and carried by roll call vote to grant initial accreditation to the following preparation program:

California State University, Fresno

Education Specialist: Deaf and Hard of Hearing Intern

Item 7 – Program Change of Status

Section A: Program Withdrawals: There were 3 program sponsors withdrawing 5 programs.

It was moved, seconded (Taylor/Forbes: no recusals) and carried by roll call vote to take action to withdraw the following preparation programs as requested by the institutions:

Orange Unified School District

Education Specialist: Add Authorization: Autism Spectrum Disorder, effective August 3, 2020

University of California, Los Angeles

Education Specialist: Added Authorization: Early Childhood Special Education, effective August 3, 2020

University of La Verne

Specialist Teaching: Reading and Literacy Leadership Specialist, effective August 3, 2020

Specialist Teaching: Reading and Literacy Added Authorization, effective August 3, 2020

Specialist Teaching: California Teachers of English Learners (CTEL), effective September 15, 2020

Section B: Program Requesting Reactivation:

There were no institutions requesting reactivation.

Section C: Adding a New Content Area:

There were no programs sponsors requesting to add a new content area.

Section D: Programs Transitioning:

There were no programs requesting to transition.

Section E: Programs Moving to Inactive Status:

There were no program requesting to move to inactive status.

Item 8– Initial Program Approval for New Program Sponsors

Consultant Hart Boyd presented this action item which was for consideration of approval of the Bilingual Authorization for UC Merced. He was joined by UC Merced representatives Marianna Harris, Director of Education Programs at UC Merced Extension; Tammy Johnson, Director Summer Session and Extension; Marissa Lopez, Associate Director of the Teacher Preparation Program; and Janelle Barnes, Credential Analyst and Teacher Preparation Program Coordinator.

It was moved, seconded (Forbes/Morrison; no recusals) and carried by roll call vote to grant initial accreditation to UC Merced’s Bilingual Authorization program.

Item 9– Notification of Institutions Not in Compliance With Accreditation Timelines

Analyst Michelle Bernardo presented this item. This item provided information to the COA regarding institutions that have not complied with the timelines of the accreditation cycle. Specifically, this item covered submission of Preconditions and Annual Accreditation Data System report decks.

Item 10 – Discussion of the First Quarterly Report of Milpitas Unified School District

Consultant Roxann Purdue introduced this item. She was joined by institutional representatives Raquel Kusunoki, Director of Learning and Development and Kim Nguyen, Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA), New Teacher Induction program.

This was an information/action item. After discussion, the report was accepted by the Committee.

Item 11 – Discussion of Issues and Options for Programs in the 2020-2021 Academic Year

Direct Teri Clark introduced this information/action item which presented flexibilities for programs and candidates given the COVID 19 pandemic and the move from face to face instruction to distance learning as well as the lack of opportunities to take required examinations. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

Item 12 – Discussion Regarding Strategies to Expand the Diversity within the Board of Institutional Review

Administrator Erin Sullivan introduced this information item. Discussion was held by the Committee. No action was required at this time.

Public Comment

There were no comments from the public

ADJORNMENT

Co-Chair Anna Moore adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m. The next meeting of the COA is scheduled for October 29-30, 2020.