

Nebraska Council on Teacher Education

Educator Preparation Advisory Committee to the Nebraska State Board of Education

Executive Committee Minutes

August 25, 2017

Meeting Location: Nebraska Department of Education, Nebraska State Office Building
6th floor V-Tel Room
301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509
Meeting Time: 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Call to Order (10:05) – President Phyllis Spethman

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of April 21, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Motion by Moss; Second by Peters - Approved
- Review of June 9, 2017 Full Council Meeting Minutes
- Review of June 9, 2017 Standing Committee Meetings Minutes
Spethman commented that Committee A minutes were particularly well-done.

1. Rule Status Updates – NDE Staff

- Rule 21
Implementation Date of 8.1.17. Peters reported that the significant change is expansion of substitute teacher days that are allowed. Has had some activity with the School Counselor alternative pathway endorsement.

Expecting continuing conversation about certification options which may carry into the upcoming legislative session.
- Rule 24 – Implementation 8.1.17; includes changes to School Counselor and Work-Based Learning

2. Rule 24 Endorsements – Pat Madsen, NDE

- Proposed Teaching and Learning Leadership (formerly Curriculum Supervisor) – Sharon Katt, NDE and Executive Committee Members
To recap:
 - NCTE Full Council voted to eliminate the Curriculum Supervisor (and/or the LTL) as an endorsement on an administrative certificate.
 - Three options appear to exist for the Executive Committee to consider:
 - 1) Drop further discussion/development of the proposed LTL endorsement.
 - 2) Propose the LTL as written as an endorsement that can be placed on a teaching certificate (but would be a non-teaching endorsement*)
 - 3) Propose some revision of the LTL as an endorsement that can be placed on a teaching certificate (as a non-teaching endorsement.)
 - There has been some NCTE discussion about the practice of including non-teaching endorsements in Rule 24, and if this is a practice that should be discontinued.

The Executive Committee reviewed information obtained from a brief survey of the institutions about the Curriculum Supervisor endorsement and minutes from June Standing committees.

Key discussion points included:

“Teacher Leaders” can be identified by a school system without the need for an endorsement.

How do/should/could the ‘Curriculum and Instruction Master’s reflect today’s expectations for teacher professional development and skill upgrades reflective of today’s expectations. Is an endorsement necessary to validate this? How are the knowledge/skills gained in a Master’s program communicated/marketed by institutions and graduates....regardless if it is documented as an endorsement.

Advanced degrees not leading to an endorsement are not subject to NDE oversight/approval.

There is a benefit for increasing pathways for teachers. Institutions retain the right and responsibility to offer an advanced degree that is responsive to current/evolving needs.

Current practice – although the Curriculum Supervisor is an administrative endorsement, those who have the endorsement are typically reported in teaching categories (not on administrative pay scale). There is extremely low utilization of the current CS endorsement.

Peters moved and Alford seconded to recommend to the NCTE to remove the Curriculum Supervisor (as revised by the Leadership for Teaching and Learning) endorsement from Rule 24. Unanimous approval.

It was expressed that elements of the proposed revision are important for schools, teachers and students. Discussed how the standards/elements in the proposed LTL guidelines be appropriately incorporated into administrative endorsements and/or in advanced degrees. The Executive Committee supports that the standards are appropriate (and necessary) in today’s practice and expressed concern that these expectations (standards/elements) not be lost because they are not subject to oversight through the endorsement process. Educator preparation should be requested to provide NCTE with information about how these standards/elements are part of quality advanced degree opportunities (administrator preparation and/or non-endorsement advanced degree programs).

Katt indicated that it is expected that Administrative endorsements (Superintendent and Principal) will be entering the revision process within the next year. The revision of these endorsements will be a part of a larger strategy to develop a vision of preparation and supports for administrators.

3. Program Approval – Madsen

- Offsite Folio Review for UNL held June 20, 2017 at Country Inn and Suites, Lincoln
- Offsite Folio Review for Creighton University and Hastings College held July 12, 2017 (electronic)
- Upcoming State Approval Visits: UNL – March 11-18, 2018;
Hastings College – April 8-10, 2018
Creighton University – April 15-17, 2018

There have been generally positive comments about the technology-based experience for the folio review process. A meeting to debrief the pilot experiences with institutions and other interested parties has been scheduled.

4. Approval of Standing Committee Roster for 2017-2018

Motion to approve by Moss; Smith seconded. Unanimous approval.

12:00 Noon – Working Lunch--Discussion concerning NCTE New Member Orientation / Member Development

5. Old/New Business

- NCTE Meeting Schedule – Currently October, March, June; Are there better times/dates for NCTE meetings?
Suggestion that consideration could be given to moving to late February. Smith will draft a brief survey for input and distribution. Casey will assist with distribution.
- NCTE Logo. There has been periodic conversation and previous effort to develop. Previous recommendations were reviewed and a selection was made for final development and utilization as soon as possible.
- Discussion about location for Executive Committee meetings for the upcoming year. It was decided to meet at NDE.
- Peters announced that the Teacher Certification System is in the early stages of redesign.

6. Formal Plan to support NCTE Member Development – Executive Committee

- New members have been assigned a mentor. Need continuing work on a plan for member development.

7. NCTE October 13, 2017 Full Council Meeting Agenda Development

- Presentation of Executive Committee recommendation regarding the Curriculum Supervisor endorsement.
- Updates from constituent groups – challenges and initiatives for meeting those challenges – or other topics/themes? Possibly include NSEA's grant to support Educators Rising.
- NDE Updates
- ACT/Composite Score Basic Skills —perhaps as a component of the diversity discussion?
- Marketing initiative update
- Continuing discussion regarding recruitment of diverse teachers. Speaker to set the stage regarding diversity and the educator pipeline. Opportunities for discussion in the Standing Committees. Katt/Sears will develop recommended discussion questions. Casey presented a possible speaker.
- Pre-conversation about upcoming Social Studies area endorsements revision (similar to Middle Grades endorsement discussion prior to the Ad Hoc meeting.)
- Opening welcome NCTE new members –
 - NCTE Overview (Spethman)
- Meeting date survey results

Possible topics for future meetings

- Educators Rising/Education Preparation Pathways
- Professional Conduct/Model Code of Ethics – Kelli Muthersbaugh and Kathi Vontz
- Alternative Certification
- How the standards/elements proposed in the revised Curriculum Supervisor are addressed in Nebraska's Master's (or other post-bac) programs.
- Nebraska Teacher of the Year (Amber Vlasnik)
- How are Community Colleges interacting with educator preparation needs?
- Partner presentations related to a theme

2:10 P.M. Adjournment