



# Nebraska Council on Teacher Education

Nebraska State Board of Education Educator Preparation Advisory Committee

## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes April 20, 2018

**Meeting Location:** Nebraska Department of Education, Nebraska State Office Building, 6<sup>th</sup> floor  
V-Tel Room, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509

**Meeting Time:** 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

**Attendees:** President Phyllis Spethman, Donna Moss, Diana Casey, Kevin Peters, Pat Madsen,  
Marlene Beiermann  
**Absent:** Sue Alford, Sharra Smith

### Call to Order – President Phyllis Spethman @ 10:08

- Welcome
- Approval of January 26, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - Motion by Moss, second by Peters to approve. Motion carried.
- Review of March 9, 2018 Full Council Meeting Minutes – The reports from each stakeholder group needs to continue. The additional time given for Standing Committee meetings at the March NCTE meeting was appreciated.
- Review of March 9, 2018 Standing Committee Meetings Minutes: Both Committees ‘A’ and ‘C’ discussed CORE and any proposed changes; Moss inquired if CORE was weakening the diverse candidate pool due to problems with English language usage.

### 1. Rule Status Updates – NDE Staff

- Rule 21 –Peters; signed in March and Military Teaching Permit is in use. An overview of the Military Teaching Permit was given to committee. Rule 21 will also now allow renewal of certificates using teaching experience at community colleges and other college/university teaching experience.
- Rule 24 – Remains at Attorney General’s office as of 3.19.18; Expected implementation 8.1.18.
- Rule 23 – Still at Governor’s office waiting for signature; Spethman stated that WSC has students who want to teach and would be able to enter teacher education if the composite score was approved. Discussion continued on methods of teaching diverse students, as well as the need for a more diverse teacher population in the state.

### 2. Rule 24 Endorsements – Pat Madsen, NDE

- Endorsements for First and Second Hearings:
  - Proposed Health Sciences Field Endorsement – Moving to field endorsement because it would then align with the other CTE career fields which all have field endorsements. Would be an option for students who want to be coaches, and also need a teaching endorsement. UNL, Chadron, Peru, and WSC are planning to move forward with the field endorsement, and there might be additional institutions planning to do so, due to the demand for Health Sciences teachers in the state. The *ad hoc* meeting was held March 2. There was a question about what ‘human development’ means, and some wordsmithing might need to be done. In section 006.29D6—is 12 hrs. the minimum pedagogy for the other career cluster areas? The current Health Sciences supplemental endorsement will stay in rule for at least two years so candidates currently enrolled are able to finish their programs. Spethman questioned if this endorsement was really what schools are looking for when hiring teachers. Moss asked if career cluster areas are covered in ESSA? (Not

specifically.) Spethman asked if the Health Science supplemental can be kept in Rule 24, as it is easier to obtain than the field endorsement, especially for candidates seeking to obtain two endorsements.

- Science endorsements discussion –Tabled for a future meeting, as Sara Cooper was not able to attend this meeting.
- Moss and Peters indicated the SPED provisional will no longer be an option, and those with this permit will not be reimbursable.

### **3. Program Approval** – Madsen

- UNL Onsite Visit – held March 11-13, 2018
- Hastings College Onsite Visit – held April 8-10, 2018
- Creighton University Onsite Visit – held April 15-17, 2018
- The completed CAEP Visit reports will be filed soon by the respective CAEP Chairs. Accrediting decisions are made by the CAEP Accreditation Council at their next meeting in the fall (usually late October.)
- Doane University and Concordia University Folio – June 26, 2018 (All electronic)
- York College Rejoinder – June 8, 2018 @ 8:45 AM; Onsite Visit – December 2-4, 2018

### **4. NDE Updates** – NDE Staff

- 1<sup>st</sup> Year Teacher Employer and Completer Surveys Update – Madsen said now have a 40% response rate, which is lower than usual. Institutions are asked to contact principals and teachers requesting they respond to the surveys. Deadline has been extended to May 4. School counselors are planning to implement a similar 1<sup>st</sup> year follow up survey in the future for beginning school counselors.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Teacher Employer Survey Update – had close to 70% response rate;
- NE Clinical Practice Rubric—expected implementation Fall Semester, 2018 for all institutions. Training materials are available with the rubric, along with additional resources and will be available on the NDE website as well as on the NE Clinical Practice website.
- The APS administrative position is still open.

### **5. Old/New Business**

- 2018-2019 Meeting Schedule – October 12, 2018 meeting is at The Cornhusker; February 22, 2019 will be the winter meeting – site to be determined. Will discuss the June 2019 meeting date at the June 8, 2018 NCTE meeting.
- Bellevue University Provisional Approval Visit – held March 22; Bellevue University was granted a third year of Provisional Approval to continue to establish a teacher preparation program. There are currently five candidates in the program.
- Community College – connection/ partnership / transition to Educator Preparation; there is a push from community colleges to teach educator prep courses, which they aren't approved to do. The community colleges want to offer 100-level courses, but where is the accountability? If you aren't approved as an educator prep program, how can you market yourself as an educator prep school? Might be a Rule 20 issue. Need to continue to monitor this situation. NACTE needs to discuss this issue.
- Content test scores – Review of pass rate information (to date). What is an acceptable pass rate for Nebraska candidates? Most passing scores were set using the ETS Multi-State Standard Setting Committee recommendations. Do passing scores need to be adjusted? (In some cases, there is not a large enough sample size to make any changes.) The committee determined that there does not need to be changes in passing scores at this time. The World Language-Spanish pass rate is lower than others, and Stephanie Cail, NDE World Language Curriculum Specialist could be invited to a NACTE meeting to discuss this issue. Kathy Pruner and Nick Bellack from ETS will be at NDE on May 1, and this will be discussed with them. Nick will be the new ETS Client Relations Director for Nebraska.

**Working Lunch – 11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.** Discussed content testing and items for the June NCTE meeting.

## **6. NCTE June 8, 2018 Full Council Agenda Development**

- Casey suggested a Health Professions academy speaker (possibly from Benson High), in light of the work being done with the Health Sciences endorsement.
- Proposed Endorsement for First and Second Hearings: Health Sciences (Field)
- Legislative Session Report – Jay Sears
- Membership Recognition for those leaving NCTE
- Election of Standing Committee Officers – during Standing Committee meetings
- Stakeholder Updates
- Update on Bellevue University Status
- Proposed topics for Standing Committee Discussions:
  - Review of Content Test Data; review state pass rates for each test; determine acceptable pass rate for the state (80%? 85%? 90%?)
  - Learning Forward Nebraska (Chad Dumas)
  - Meeting Dates selections
  - Themes and topics for next year’s discussions at meetings

**2:00 P.M. Adjourn**