

NCTE STANDING COMMITTEE 'A' MINUTES

Standing Committee: Committee 'A'

Date: June 8, 2018

Location: CI&S – Board Room

The meeting was called to order at 12:41_ by Diana Casey

Secretary: Please take attendance and indicate any absences, alternates, or guests.

District	Name	Present/Absent	Designated Alternate Member Present	Guest
8	Adler, Mark	Present		
8	Barnes, Paul	Present		
8	Blakely, Dana	Present		
1	Byers, Susan	Present		
2	Casey, Diana	Present		
7	Coe, Travis	Present		
3	Evanich, Sue	Absent		
3	Freese, Debra	Absent	Cindy Copich	
1	Heibel, Matt	Absent		
5	Marymee, Fran	Absent	Susan Ptacek	
6	Mathews, Katie	Absent		
1	Peters, Kevin	Present		
5	Sankey, Lorinda	Absent	Kathleen Wheeler	
3	Spethman, Phyllis	Present		
1	Stake, Susan	Present		
3	Vlach, Jim	Present		
	Jenny Jansky			HED
	Susan Loney			NSEA

Officers: Chair – Diana Casey

Vice Chair – Sue Evanich

Secretary – Katie Mathews

Business Conducted:

1. Introductions

2. Approval of Standing Committee 'A' Minutes from March 9, 2018 meeting. Moved - Wheeler. Seconded - Coe. Motioned passed.

3. Election of Standing Committee 'A' Chair and Officers for 2018-19 and 2019-2020. Moved - Vlach. Seconded - Adler. Motion passed.

A. Diana Casey – Chair

B. Paul Barnes – Vice Chair

C. Katie Matthews – Secretary

4. ACTION ITEM: Proposed Health Sciences field endorsement.

- Fifty (50) hours requirement is a concern. Difficult to implement in four years. Prohibitive in a 120-hours premise to complete coursework in four years. May eliminate possibility of electives.
- Keep the supplemental. Will allow teachers to pick up the endorsement and widen the pool.
- Teaching out of endorsed area will become more of a concern for the State Board.
- Question—Will this endorsement allow students to leave high school with any certificates, such as CNA?
- Should this be a subject endorsement rather than field endorsement?
- What content area (Praxis) test will be required?
- Motion - Vlach, seconded – Coe, to move the Health Sciences Education endorsement to general session and maintain the supplemental endorsement as written with the condition that several questions need to be answered before final reading. The questions are regarding the 50 hours requirement, if high school students will qualify for any certificate, such as CNA, and testing requirements.

5. Review of Content Test Data for each content test and determine acceptable pass rate for the state (80%? 85%? 90%? 95%? - or something else?)

- Fairly high passing rates on tests.
- Concerns with world language test, particularly Spanish, with a significant drop in pass rate. ETS review, cannot assume students know the material. Concern about students taking second year Spanish and skipping first year (because of high school) and lacking writing and conversational skills. Perhaps more immersion experiences needed as a solution.
- Less tests taken. Does that equate to fewer in the program?
- Core test barrier. Large numbers taking it. Significant drop in scores.
- Set standard with ACT. Problem aligning writing test. ACT is an achievement test, not a basic skills test. What can we do to make the ACT work? Change in language? How do we determine scores? Where would we set the standard for a composite ACT score? CAEP has requirements that may be different than college requirements.
- Look at data for each content pass rate at 85%.

6. Discussion about proposed meeting dates for 2018-2019:

Friday, February 15, 2019 or Friday, March 1, 2019, or Friday March 8, 2019?

(AACTE dates are February 22-24, 2019)

Switch to Tuesday, June 4, 2019 instead of Friday, June 7 (or Friday, June 14)?

Possible meeting locations?

- Consideration/consensus – March 1, 2019.
- Consensus – June 7, 2019.

7. Generate a list of topics and themes for NCTE to address during 2018-19 and 2019-20

- Intervention about Praxis Testing time.
- Strategic Plan. Goals and strategies.
- Commissioner in October.

- Legislation.
- Update on reorganization at NDE.

8. Adjourned: 1:59 p.m.

Standing Committee Recommendations for presentation to Full Council:

Move the Health Sciences Field Endorsement, (while maintaining the Health Sciences Supplemental Endorsement) to final reading at the October 12, 2018 meeting. Moved by D. Casey and seconded by T. Cook. Roll Vote taken. Approved.

Minutes submitted by: Susan Stake