

NCTE STANDING COMMITTEE 'C' MINUTES

Standing Committee: Committee 'C'

Date: May 29, 2020

Location: Virtual Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Mark Lenihan

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

District	Name	Present/Absent	Designated Alternate Member Present	Guest
5	Bittner, Gina	Absent	Stephanie Holmes	
5	Brown, Sarah	Present		
4	Cook, Tim	Present		
7	Hanson, Rachel	Present		
	Heineke, Kelly	Present		
	Illich, Paul	Absent		
6	Karr, Darci	Present		
6	Knoell, Chris	Absent	Jenny Jansky	
3	Lenihan, Mark	Present		
3	Lewis, Dawn	Absent		
5	McDowell, Joshua	Present		
5	Moss, Donna	Present		
8	Peal, Paula	Present		
4	Tebbe, Michelle	Absent		
8	Truemper, Edward	Absent	Jordan Koch	
	Goodman, Andrew	Midland University	Alternate	
	Jankovich, Doreen	NSEA	Alternate	
	Marymee, Fran	NSEA	Alternate	
	Palmer, Rachel	NSEA	Alternate	
	Mims, Grace	UNK		X
	Diaz, Chandra	UNK		X
	Payne, Harris	NDE		X
	Waddle, Clayton	NDE		X

Officers: Chair – Mark Lenihan

Vice Chair – Paula Peal

Secretary – Michelle Tebbe

Business Conducted:

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Standing Committee 'C' Minutes from March 6, 2020 meeting

Jansky made a motion to approve. Moss seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

3. TOPIC: Social Studies Endorsement Revisions

4. Discussion:

- A member asked about the decrease in sociology hours that are required.
 - Dr. Payne explained the committee did not want to add more hours to the endorsement; they wanted to make sure the students had more in-depth understanding and alignment with the standards.
- The courses that are required line up well to the Praxis Content area.
- The endorsement covers grades 6-12, even though other endorsements are for grades 7-12. This can be confusing.
- Dr. Payne explained Human Geography in the endorsement. Need to make sure that phrases in the endorsement are well-defined. There was reassurance that the Social Studies department will have an understanding of Human Geography.
- A member asked about the diversity definition. It was suggested that the definition of diversity be put in a glossary of terms to infuse in other programs. NDE appreciated that suggestion and would look at it.
- Why the change in terminology—‘Nebraska teacher education institutions’ versus ‘standard institutions of higher education’? The term ‘standard institution’ is in Rule 24, and is in statute. It allows institutions of higher education and NDE to determine if the qualifications are met. Certification officers from higher education and NDE always review transcripts and programs before candidates are certified in the state of Nebraska. When NDE looks at transcripts, what do they look at that is different from what the certification officer is looking at? NDE wants to make sure candidates could be certified in their state. You have to make the recommendations from the higher ed. Some states will not give out provisional endorsements. Passing the content test will determine if they have the proper qualifications. You have to show all the content areas and have student taught.
- When reviewing an endorsement, who is on the ad hoc committee? There were 28 people with many social studies teachers and supervisors on the Social Studies ad hoc committee. There were representatives from all four content areas and standards “experts”.
- We would accept the second reading but recommend looking at the ‘Standard Institution’ wording—would like to retain ‘Nebraska’ in the wording. NDE said Rule 24 could possibly put the word ‘Nebraska’ back into the statute. NDE would look into it when Rule 24 is revised.

5. Committee C Recommendation at Second General Session:

- Lenihan proposed this recommendation on the Social Sciences endorsement: *“Accept the proposed Social Studies endorsement at this second reading, and if no changes are needed, recommend a final vote at the 2nd General Session.”*
 - Standing Committee C approved the recommendation by a 15-1 vote. The endorsement will move forward for full council approval at the second general session.

Adjourned: 11:35 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Paula Peal for Michelle Tebbe