MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
COUNCIL ON TEACHER EDUCATION
February 15, 2012
3:05 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.
Conference Room A, 505 E. Green, Ste. 203

MEMBERS PRESENT: Amy Allen (Student Rep), Ave Alvarado (GC), Brenda Clevenger Evans (CoTE), Walter Hurley (ACES), Christine Jenkins (GSLIS), Marge Jerich (CoTE), Brenda Lindsey (SW), Chris Span (COE), Adva Steiner Waranyuwat (LAS), Marian Stone (FAA)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cynthia Helms (P-12 Rep), Mary Kalantzis (COE), Renique Kersh (AHS), Kristi Kuntz (Provost), Theresa Laumann (Student Rep), Chris Roegge (CoTE)

OTHERS PRESENT: Karen Carney (LAS), Kathy Gray (CoTE), Kathy Ryan (COE)

1. Announcements and Approval of Minutes
   a. Welcome and announcements: Clevenger Evans welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.
   b. Approval of January 18, 2012 minutes: Clevenger Evans asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of January 2012. Stone moved to approve the minutes as presented, Steiner Waranyuwat seconded after commenting that they were very informative, and the minutes were accepted as presented.
   c. Additions to the agenda: The proposed CAP changes were added to New Business.

2. New Business
   a. Degree versus Certification
      i. All applicants seeking a State license endorsed in a teaching field shall pass the assessment of professional teaching (APT). Passage of the APT is required for completion of an approved Illinois educator preparation program. (105 ILCS 5/21B, (e). Effective July 1, 2012. Clevenger Evans read this legislation aloud and asked for discussion on its interpretation. Concern was expressed that the intent is to impact more than teacher certification. It was agreed that this legislation should address teacher certification and not be an attempt to determine our degree requirements or to whom the university grants a degree. Two action items resulted from the discussion. First, Span will email State Assistant Superintendent of Education, Dr. Linda Tomlinson and ask for clarification of the intent of the legislation. Span will also contact Peter Mortensen, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, to inform him of the legislation, ask for his understanding of the language and gain a clear direction on how to proceed. Span will report back to this group at the next meeting.
      ii. C- rule: Clevenger Evans engaged attendees in discussing the application of the C- rule into their programs. She asked if programs allow a candidate who has a C- or lower to student teach. In general, programs evaluate candidates in this position on an individual case by case situation.
      iii. Proposed CAP changes: Clevenger Evans distributed two proposed revisions to the policy manual. They are “Appendix B Common Assessment Plan for Graduate Professional Education Programs Leading to Initial Certification” and “Appendix C Common Assessment Plan for Undergraduate Professional Education Programs Leading to Initial Certification”. She explained that the changes recommended are based on the new ISBE rules and clean up the language. Span moved to make the proposed changes to the CAPs, Jenkins seconded, and the revisions were accepted as presented.
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b. Testing

i. **Recommended testing dates:** Clevenger Evans reported that she sent all candidates currently not student teaching this handout “Recommended UIUC Certification Testing and Application Deadlines 2012-2013” which explains when they can take their content area test. She then referred to the handout “Students that have Failed the Content Test on their First Attempt” and said that Ohlsson ran this report for CoTE.

ii. **Testing sites:** Clevenger Evans distributed and referred to the handout “Nearest Pearson Centers from Champaign, IL”. She said it is ISBE’s goal to make all tests available online. Attendees thanked her for providing this information.

iii. **Test frequency:** Clevenger Evans continued saying that the test is available by appointment year-round Monday thru Saturday (excluding holidays). It will take approximately 4 weeks to get the official scores back once the passing scores have been set.

iv. **New fee structure:** Clevenger Evans distributed the new fee structure handout “ICTS Fees” and clarified that test takers must pay the test fee and a registration fee for each sitting. Referring to the handout, she gave two examples as to how to use the information to figure the cost of taking the test. The cost on the first line of the handout is the paper test, basis skills test $60. Add that to the registration processing fee of $26, and the total fee is $86. The other example illustrated was the test of academic proficiency, all 4 subtest, is $99 plus the registration processing fee of $26 totals $125 for the cost of the computer based test.

v. **Time between tests:** Clevenger Evans said that there is a 60 day wait period between taking the same computer-based tests.

c. **Criminal Background Checks:** Clevenger Evans distributed the handout about required criminal background checks, “Notice to all candidates in teacher, school leader, or school service personnel certification programs” and said that Accurate Biometrics will be at the Council on Teacher Education’s Conference Room A on Tuesday, April 24 and Wednesday, April 25, from 9:00 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 5:00 p.m. to conduct fingerprint scanning. The details are on the handout as well as on the front page of the CoTE website In the News section.

3. Old Business

a. **Coop tuition waiver policy:** Clevenger Evans reported that the proposed revision is still at legal counsel.

b. **EDPR 203 fee:** Clevenger Evans distributed the two-sided handout, “Undergraduate Student EDPR 203 Assessment by Semester” and said that undergraduate and graduate students are assessed differently. Due to the Truth in Tuition Bill which guarantees undergraduates the same tuition rate for four continuous academic years, the process in which programs assess clinical experience fees must be adjusted. The Truth in Tuition Bill does not apply to graduate students. She explained how to read the charts and pointed out the different fee for different semesters.

c. **IPTS Rule:** Clevenger Evans distributed a copy of “Section 24.130 The Illinois Professional Teaching Standards Beginning July 1, 2013” and pointed out two highlighted sections that cause confusion to this rule. Although ISBE has verbally stated that the implementation of the new IPTS standards has been extended to 2014, the written rule has not been amended. All ISBE documents state the new IPTS is effective no later than July 1, 2013, and the implementation of the assessment of the new standards is September 1, 2013. Discussion followed. The College of Education is waiting for the new redesign to be implemented before
addressing the new IPTS. In response to a question about content standards, Jerich explained that all programs should follow their national program area association or organization content area standards. Questions have been submitted about what the content area tests are based on, however, and we are waiting for that response.

4. Updates/Reports
   a. ISBE/Certification: Clevenger Evans reminded attendees that the basic skills test has the new title of the test of academic proficiency. She said some concern has been expressed as to if this test really is an accurate measure for teacher certification. The numbers are down. Some suggest this decline might be due to the increase in regulations that are so cumbersome.

5. Information Items: Clevenger Evans distributed page one of the ED.gov U.S. Department of Education website dated 2/15/12 entitled “Obama Administration Seeks to Elevate Teaching Profession, Duncan to Launch RESPECT Project: Teacher-Led National Conversation”.

6. Adjournment: Clevenger Evans announced the cancellation of the May 16th meeting and adjourned this meeting at 4:25 pm.

Meeting dates for AY11-12: All meetings are 3-5 PM in Suite 203 (B), 505 E. Green unless otherwise indicated.

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