MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
COUNCIL ON TEACHER EDUCATION
April 18, 2012
3:10 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.
Conference Room A, 505 E. Green, Ste. 203

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ave Alvarado (GC), Cynthia Helms (P-12 Rep), Theresa Laumann (Student Rep), Mary Kalantzis (COE), Renique Kersh (AHS), 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 3:10 p.m.

b. Approval of January 18, 2012 minutes: Clevenger Evans asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of February 2012. Span commented that the new Interim Provost, Richard Wheeler, should be copied on the agenda now instead of Easter who is no longer Provost. Clevenger Evans so noted the correction. Span then moved to approve the minutes as presented, Jenkins seconded, and the minutes were accepted as presented.

c. Additions to the agenda: Clevenger Evans added a New Business item, Annual Reports.

2. New Business
a. Basic Skills conditional admit policy: Clevenger Evans asked attendees to look at the handout in the meeting packet for Policy: Conditional Admission to a Professional Education Preparation Program. She explained that due to the new online test now available at multiple Pearson testing sites, this policy is no longer applicable and requested Council members rescind it. She entertained questions. Discussion included how this policy might apply to international students and students in non-certification programs. A unanimous decision to retain the policy at this time was reached.

Clevenger Evans continued by stating that all Pearson online testing sites are full for the summer. She requested a Fall testing date schedule but has not yet received it.

b. Criminal Background Checks: Clevenger Evans directed all to two handouts, one distributed previously, “Notice to all candidates in teacher, school leader, or school service personnel certification programs” and the other entitled “(Text of Section from P.A. 97-154)”. She reviewed their contents and added that Chicago Public Schools are conducting their own CBC and no longer accept copies from institutions.

c. TB tests: Clevenger Evans referred to the meeting packet handout “Sec. 24-5. Physical fitness and professional growth” and reported that ISBE said the Illinois Department of Health would like us to interpret this law as requiring student teachers to have a current TB test. This means a TB test must be administered 90 days or less prior to the first day of placement. A card documenting the clear TB test is issued upon completion and should be carried as proof. McKinley here on campus does TB testing free of charge. Clevenger Evans said Program Coordinators were advised at their April 5th meeting of their responsibility to inform student teacher candidates beginning with Fall 2012 placements.
d. **APT/Content test:** Clevenger Evans informed attendees that ISBE is considering incorporating the APT test into the content test so that candidates have one less test to take when TPA is implemented.

e. **New Educator license requirements:** Clevenger Evans referred to the meeting packet handout “Professional Educator License” and explained that as the state transitions from certification to licensure they added the rule highlighted on the handout. She read the highlighted section which involves reading methods coursework applicable to all children. She noted that the rule does not state an effective date and the programs of social work and speech/language pathology are subject to this rule as well. Clevenger Evans said that programs will be required to demonstrate how they incorporate these reading components into coursework.

f. **Principal Prep Program:** Clevenger Evans announced that the Principal Preparation Program is expected to submit their program proposal to the Council Executive Committee, the approving body, in June. Since the Council does not meet during the summer, Clevenger Evans said she will send an electronic version via e-mail for Council members to read and approve. This program will be aligned to ISLIC standards.

g. **Illinois State Educator Preparation and Licensure Board (Annual Report) summer dates:** Clevenger Evans said that nine of our programs have been called to testify in front of the state licensure board. Those nine programs have been notified and are waiting to learn their appearance date, which is non-negotiable, and details as to the concerns within each program. Previously communicated possible appearance dates have been changed; the dates now suggested to reserve are May 31, June 1, 19, 25, 26. Jerich continued by identifying the nine programs (Elementary, English Language Arts, LBSII, Mathemetic, Science: Chemistry, Science: Physics, Social Science: History, Spanish, Visual Arts), and saying that ISBE will send a letter with specific details highlighting concerns for each program. Once we receive that letter, CoTE will help programs prepare to address those concerns. Jerich took this opportunity to remind attendees about the annual reports. Institutions submit annual program reports every fall. Reviewers of this year’s annual reports have been inconsistent in how they interpret the data submitted. She said that in addition, the data doesn’t represent what reviewers think it does and gave a couple of examples to illustrate this point.

Jerich said that Clevenger Evans and she attended a board meeting last week to observe and learn more about the “revised motion” agenda item concerning missed programs. The University of Illinois English Language Arts program was one of those programs not included in the original motion and was added with this motion stating content faculty as a concern. Observations made during the inquisition process include the large amount of evidence and information programs testifying before the board must provide; those representing programs were faculty and program department heads who were introduced by their dean; both Linda Tomlinson and Vicki Phillips asked a number of questions about program content outside the specific annual report concerns identified. The board voted to have programs submit data two weeks in advance of their appearance date thus allowing time for review members to read the presented material.

Jerich said two institutions testified during their observation, Illinois State University and Western Illinois University. One passed and one was put on probation. Jerich reminded attendees that during the probation period institution cannot accept students into programs. Discussion followed. Span recommended that the Council put together a sub-committee charged with developing a strategy or position statement designed to help us understand how our institution will proceed. Four members in attendance volunteered to serve. They are Chris Span, Karen Carney, Kristi Kuntz, and Brenda Lindsey.

3. **Old Business**

a. **Coop tuition waiver policy:** Clevenger Evans restated the current policy for coop tuition waivers, the proposed changes, and what prompted the changes. She then reported that she contacted legal counsel reminding them of the proposed change still pending.
b. IPTS: Clevenger Evans informed members that requirements to implement the new IPTS have been modified. ISBE no longer requires programs to appear before the board for re-approval. ISBE will gage the effectiveness of the new standards implementation by the test results of teacher candidates. Clevenger Evans said programs still need to prepare new matrices and include the social emotional standards. The written rule states the implementation date for the new IPTS is September 1, 2013. However, ISBE verbally told institutions the deadline is September 1, 2014.

4. Updates/Reports
   a. ISBE/Certification: Clevenger Evans said there was nothing to report.

5. Information Items: Clevenger Evans announced two already approved coursework changes. Foreign Language is adding EALC 275 as a requirement in place of EALC 240, which is no longer taught. BALAS in East Asian Languages and Cultures, Concentration Prep for the Teaching of East Asian Languages: Teaching Area of Specialization: Mandarin Chinese. In the Teacher Certification Curriculum for Kinesiology in the College of Applied Health Sciences, KIN 261-261 (5 hours) replaces the 5 hour requirement from KIN 131-136.

   Jerich added a reminder that our state liaison, Phyliss Jones retired March 31, 2012. Prior to her leaving, Jones updated the National Content Area Standards chart. Jerich referred attendees to the handout, “SPAs & Standards February 2012” and explained that this chart lists the content area standards to follow. She indicated that some programs follow state content standards while others apply a combination of state and national SPA/SAO standards. She pointed out the column on the handout that tracks when updated standards are available and the extent to which these standards are aligned with the common core. At this time, ISBE’s strategy to keep this chart updated is unclear. Jerich said that programs still need to provide matrices. Ohlsson is establishing a database system within CoTE to assist programs with retrieving information, electronically producing reports, and making future program revisions. Jerich concluded by saying it is our understanding from Tomlinson at ISBE that the content test will follow these same updates. Pearson testing has the updates ready to apply, but ISBE wants to review them prior to release.

6. Adjournment: Clevenger Evans announced the cancellation of the May 16th meeting and then adjourned this meeting at 4:40 pm.

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

| May 16 (cancelled) |