Approved

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
COUNCIL ON TEACHER EDUCATION
February 21, 2007
3:10 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Conference Room B, 505 E. Green, Ste. 203

MEMBERS PRESENT:  John Grashel, Linda Hemminger, Christine Jenkins, Marge Jerich, James Leach, Chris Roegge, Marian Stone, Jennifer Themanson, Phyllis Vanlandingham, Chet Zych

MEMBERS ABSENT:  Ave Alvarado, Bonnie Armbruster, Kristen Bauer, Bob Hughes, Mary Kalantzis, Kristi Kuntz, Brenda Lindsey, Lorna Mesri, Jill Pitcher, Linda Sloat

OTHERS PRESENT: Brenda Clevenger, Asst. Dean, College of Education; Eric Ohlsson, CTE Manager of Data Operations Group

1. Approval of Minutes and Announcements:

The meeting was called to order by Roegge at 3:10 p.m.

a. Announcements: Roegge announced that he, Jerich, and Kalantzis will be attending AACTE next week. Renee Clift, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, will also attend.

Roegge referenced an announcement that appeared on eweek regarding the Professors to Schools program. He asked that he be kept informed of any similar activities. CTE is trying to compile all of this type of information at a central site.

Roegge announced that Carrie Hightman, an Illinois graduate, is the new chair of the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE).

Zych, at Roegge’s request, commented on information he has received that counselors at ISU are recommending that students not attend the University of Illinois because it is not NCATE-accredited. Roegge intends to put an explanation of why we are not NCATE-accredited on the CTE Web site.

The IACTE spring meeting will be held on March 30th. Roegge and Jerich will attend. Roegge encouraged other faculty to become involved with IACTE. CTE will pay the registration fee for anyone who would like to attend the meeting.

Leach introduced Brenda Clevenger, Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Academic Affairs in the College of Education. Clevenger will represent Leach at executive committee meetings when he is unable to attend and will probably be appointed as the College of Education representative next year when Leach steps down as associate dean.

b. Approval of minutes of January 17, 2007: Roegge asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of January 17, 2007. Vanlandingham, seconded by Hemminger, moved approval of the minutes as presented. The minutes were unanimously approved.

c. Additions to the agenda: None.

d. Executive Director’s Report: Roegge reported that he and Kalantzis recently met with Judy Irwin, Executive Director of the IBHE. The meeting was intended as a “get acquainted” meeting to develop a relationship between the University of Illinois and IBHE. Irwin is especially interested in teacher education.

Roegge is looking for office space to serve the Central Illinois Golden Apple steering committee. One staff person and one support person will be hired to work in the office.
Roegge referenced a CNN report on linking the quality of teacher preparation programs to testing of the graduates’ students. He handed out an article from Education Week about projects underway in Louisiana and Ohio to measure the effectiveness of teachers graduating from professional preparation programs in those states.

Roegge handed out a copy of the CTE FY2007 Annual Report that he sent to the Office of the Provost.

A short video on the preparation of teachers, taken from MySpace, was shown to the committee.

2. Proposals:

a. Proposal to Terminate Teacher Education Minors in LAS: Report

Zych reported that by the authority given to him by the Executive Committee he has approved a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to terminate the teacher education minors in Biology, Chemistry, Cinema Studies, Computer Science, Earth Science, English, French, General Science, German, History, Italian, Latin, Portuguese, Psychology, Rhetoric, Russian, Social Studies, Spanish, and Women’s Studies. The proposal has been forwarded to the Office of the Provost.

3. Matters for Discussion/Action:

a. Fingerprinting procedures for candidates: Roegge reported that this item is not ready for action. CTE staff met with Jim Critchfield, Vice-President of Art’s Investigations (AI) to discuss the service that they provide. Our candidates can be fingerprinted at a cost of $30 per candidate, which provides a report from the Illinois State Police in 24 hours and which is then updated automatically if the candidate is charged with committing a crime. AI will come to campus to take fingerprints on several dates that we set up with them and they are willing to provide special dates if needed. They also have a location in Champaign where candidates can go if they miss the campus date for fingerprinting. The fingerprints are taken in approximately six minutes and the report from the Illinois State Police comes directly to us.

Roegge is currently working with University legal counsel to prepare a contract with AI. We anticipate that we will begin fingerprinting next fall. Students who are admitted prior to next fall will complete the criminal background check using the current process.

b. SB 0395: Roegge handout out a copy of SB 0395 which was proposed by Senator Frerichs at the request of the University. The bill proposes to amend the school code to remove the requirement of a course in safety education for teacher certification candidates and replace it with an option of providing a course or incorporating material into existing courses. The legislation is being proposed because all three campuses of the University have been cited by the State of Illinois for noncompliance with this requirement. All teacher preparation programs will have to provide CTE with documentation showing how this requirement is met in their program.

4. Updates/Reports:

a. Update of CTE data management capabilities: Ohlsson provided a demonstration of the work that the CTE data operations group has accomplished in order to meet the goals of centralizing and streamlining data management, sharing data with constituent groups, enabling data entry by responsible individuals, and monitoring data. He provided examples of how the system provides for data sharing and report generating,
giving programs access to data for their own use. He demonstrated the various secure portals that have been developed for candidates, clinical experiences program coordinators, and cooperating school personnel and how data can be personalized in ways that suit the needs of various programs.

b. ISBE Update: Zych reported that ISBE’s legislative agenda for this year includes 1) raising the certification fee to $50, 2) eliminating testing waivers for individuals who obtained certification in other states and are now seeking certification in Illinois, 3) eliminating the Alternative Initial Teaching Certificate so that candidate’s completing alternative certification programs will get the same Initial Teaching Certificate as those completing traditional programs, and 4) allowing retired teachers to return to the classroom for up to five years while continuing to draw their retirement.

The certification testing schedule next year will not include a special administration of the content-area tests. There will, however, be a special administration of the Basic Skills test in April 2008. The cost of testing is likely to increase and, beginning in September, all individuals will be thumb-printed at the time of the test administration. Certain low-incidence tests will be administered three times each year, rather than at each test administration. Those tests include Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, and Russian.

c. Accreditation: Spring Meeting: Roegge handed out a draft of the agenda for the April 4th meeting with our ISBE liaison to discuss program report writing for the accreditation visit in 2010. The meeting will be 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Hawthorne Suites and Conference Center in Champaign. Lunch will be provided. It is critical that those individuals who will be writing the program reports attend this meeting or send a designee.

5. Information Items: None.

6. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Future meetings: All meetings are scheduled for 3-5 p.m. in Ste. 203-B, 505 E. Green Street unless otherwise noted.

Remaining meeting dates for 2006-2007

March 14, 2007 (subsequently cancelled)
April 18, 2007
May 16, 2007
June 20, 2007
July 18, 2007