MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
COUNCIL ON TEACHER EDUCATION
November 14, 2007
3:05 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Conference Room B, 505 E. Green, Ste. 203

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bonnie Armbruster, Brenda Clevenger, Cheryll Douglas, John Grashel, Melissa Hayne, Marge Jerich, Violet Harris (for Mary Kalantzis), Kristi Kuntz, Chris Roegge, Marian Stone, Chet Zych

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ave Alvarado, Bob Hughes, Christine Jenkins, Brenda Lindsey, Kate Renno, Jennifer Themanson, Phyllis Vanlandingham

1. Approval of Minutes and Announcements:

The meeting was called to order by Roegge at 3:05 p.m.

a. Announcements: Roegge introduced Melissa Haynes, a junior in the Social Studies: History program, who has joined the committee as a student representative.

b. Approval of minutes of October 17, 2007: Roegge asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of October 17, 2007. Armbruster, seconded by Clevenger, moved that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

c. Additions to the agenda: None

d. Executive Director’s Report: Roegge reported that he traveled to Bloomington, Indiana to meet with education officials from Indonesia who are setting up a country-wide program approval and certification system for their teachers. They presently have no such system and are studying how it is done in this country, with the goal of certifying 2.7 million teachers and having a system in place within the next ten years. The Indonesians expressed an interest in working with our Department of Educational Organization and Leadership to develop a program to prepare administrators for their schools.

Roegge reported that the Council has provided Urbana School District 116 with a list of all of our candidates who have had criminal background checks. District 116 agreed to accept our criminal background checks for the candidates who are in their schools for the fall semester, instead of requiring them to go through a separate process of fingerprinting.

2. Proposals: None

3. Matters for Discussion/Action:

a. Allocations to programs for clinical supervision: Roegge reported that he has met with five clinical experiences program coordinators and found that the current funding of supervisors is not consistent across programs. Supervisors are paid at a rate of $600-650 per student, on average, for supervising student teachers. This figure does not include supervisors for the programs housed in the College of Education. Supervisors in those programs have larger loads than they should have, exceeding the NCATE recommended maximum. Supervision requirements also vary greatly across programs and Roegge stated that he thought that it might be difficult to come up with a single system that meets everyone’s needs. He hopes to have a recommendation prepared for the next committee meeting.

b. CTE communications plan: Roegge handed out an updated version of the CTE communication matrix. He said that he has been exploring the potential of “Always Illinois” as another avenue of communication
with candidates and graduates of our programs. He gave a brief demonstration of “Always Illinois” and invited comments from the committee members on his thoughts about setting up a group for teacher education candidates that he suggested naming “Teaching Illini”. He envisions this group as a way for current candidates to connect with our graduates who are practicing teachers. It would also provide a mechanism for our alumni to post job openings.

Stone suggested that such a group would be very useful if it were actually used. She questioned whether older alumni would use it. Harris commented that there is some stigma attached to using these types of networks and people have concerns regarding security. She suggested talking with HRE to see how their group is functioning. There was general agreement that the “Friends of Friends” feature is a positive element.

c. State Teacher Policy Yearbook: Roegge asked if anyone had any comments on the report, which was provided for the last meeting. He noted that the writers represent a conservative group that puts a heavy emphasis on testing and regards teaching as a craft.

d. Dispositions assessment/new NCATE guidelines: Jerich summarized the NCATE dispositions concerning fairness and the belief that all students can learn, noting that NCATE places these dispositions under standards for diversity. She has asked Phyliss Jones, our ISBE liaison, for clarification on how we should address these dispositions for our accreditation review.

4. Updates/Reports:

a. ISBE Update: Zych reported that we have had our ability to give the Early Childhood Special Approval returned to us until December, 2008. In order to be able to continue to give the Approval after that date, we must submit our course work to ISBE for review.

b. Accreditation update: Roegge reported that Jerich and Ohlsson have been working with the program report writers. Progress is being made but not all programs will meet the December 15th deadline. Roegge is also working on the budget plan for FY09 and FY10 to incorporate expenses associated with the accreditation review.

c. Program data: Roegge handed out a summary showing data on the pass rates on the ICTS Assessment of Professional Teaching test for each program for the last four years. The information is available on the CTE server.

d. P-20 Education Council/School Leader Task Force: Jerich spoke to the composition of the P-20 Council, noting that the Council will have only one representative from higher education. The Illinois Education Research Council will serve as the research arm of the P-20 Council.

Roegge reported that the School Leader Task Force has met. No one from the University of Illinois is on the task force. He suggested that we need to be represented on this body since it will be determining the standards for school leader programs.

e. December 6 visit: Roegge reminded everyone that Cindy Shanahan will be coming to spend the day on December 6th to talk with us about UIC’s accreditation visit. We will be talking with her especially about how best to prepare the reports and present our data. We will also ask her general advice on preparing for the visit.
5. **Information Items:** None

6. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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

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