MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
COUNCIL ON TEACHER EDUCATION
April 21, 2010
3:05 p.m. – 4:35 p.m.
Conference Room A, 505 E. Green, Ste. 203

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brenda Clevenger-Evans (CoTE), John Grashel (Faculty), Linda Hemminger, Walter Hurley (ACES), Marge Jerich (CoTE), Kristi Kuntz (Provost), Chris Roegge (CoTE), Phyllis Vanlandingham (LAS), Mildred Trent (EDUC)
MEMBERS ABSENT: Christine Jenkins, (GSLIS), Mary Kalantzis (COE), Renique Kersh (AHS), Brenda Lindsey (SW)
OTHERS PRESENT: Kathy Gray (CoTE)

1. Approval of Minutes and Announcements: The meeting was called to order by Roegge at 3:05 p.m.
   a. Welcome and announcements: Roegge circulated a registration form for the IACTE Spring Conference, which will be held May 20-21 at the NIU Center in Naperville.

   b. Approval of minutes of December 16, 2009: Roegge asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of March 17, 2010. As there were none, the minutes were approved.

   c. Additions to the agenda: There were no additions.

   d. Executive Director’s Report: Roegge reported on the College of Education’s teacher education redesign task force, the INTC conference for new teachers to be held on June 29, and the initiation of a study of teacher preparation in Illinois by the National Council on Teacher Quality.

2. Proposals: There were none.

3. Matters for Discussion/Action:
   a. ISBE rule changes: Clevenger reminded the committee of the new ‘no grade lower than a C’ rule. Based on information received at the annual IACTE/ISBE/ROE meeting, ISBE states all coursework in professional education and content must be earned with a grade of ‘C’ or better to be counted toward certification, endorsement, or approval. For some programs, such as Elementary Education and most likely Early Childhood, this will include general education coursework as well.

   b. Portfolio requirement: With the imminent adoption of the new Illinois Professional Teaching Standards, the CoTE portfolio requirement will need to be changed. The committee discussed the possibility of requiring an e-portfolio for all programs. Foreign Languages and Social Work volunteered to pilot. A subcommittee will be formed to review this further.

   c. Criminal Background Checks w/hits: Clevenger requested a subcommittee be formed to review students with multiple hits on their criminal background checks. As part of the certification process the Council must confirm a student is of ‘good moral character.’ Students with multiple hits could fall short of this. A subcommittee will be formed and used on an as needed basis to determine if a student with multiple hits should continue in a certification program. Clevenger mentioned very few students receive more than one hit.

4. Updates/Reports:
   a. ISBE annual report: The format for the new, annual online program data report was shown and discussed.
b. **Candidate Exit Survey**: Surveys will be administered in May, and data will be compared with the Teacher Graduate Assessment and 5th Year Graduate Assessment data.

c. **FY 2011 budget**: Roegge reported that the Council’s FY 11 budget is expected to take a 10.36% reduction. This means the funds the Council has to distribute toward supervision will also take a cut for FY 11.

d. **Illinois Educator Code of Ethics update**: Roegge reported that the Code of Ethics Committee had finalized the code, it is being written into administrative rules, and will be available for public comment soon.

e. **ISBE update**: none

f. **Accreditation update**: Jerich reported that the CoTE staff are still very busy collecting materials from programs in preparation for the March 2011 visit.

g. **Title II**: Jerich is working on the report, which is due April 30.

5. **Information Items**: none

6. **Adjournment**: The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.

**Meeting dates for AY09-10**: All meetings are 3-5 PM in Suite 203 (B), 505 E. Green unless otherwise indicated

- May 12, 2010
- June 16, 2010
- July 21, 2010