MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
COUNCIL ON TEACHER EDUCATION
March 16, 2011
3:15 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.
Conference Room A, 505 E. Green, Ste. 203

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cynthia Helms (P-12 Rep), Linda Hemminger (Program Coord.), Walter Hurley (ACES), Christine Jenkins (GSLIS), Marge Jerich (CoTE), Brenda Lindsey (SW), Chris Roegge (CoTE), Marian Stone (FAA), Mildred Trent (COE), Adva Steiner Waranyuwat (LAS)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ave Alvarado (GC), Brenda Clevenger-Evans (CoTE), Mary Kalantzis (COE), Renique Kersh (AHS), Kristi Kuntz (Provost)

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathy Gray (CoTE)

1. Approval of Minutes and Announcements: The meeting was called to order by Roegge at 3:15 p.m.

a. Welcome and Announcements: Roegge welcomed all and said there were no announcements.

b. Approval of November, 2010 and January 19, 2011 minutes: Roegge asked if there were any additions or corrections to the November 2010 or January 2011 minutes. Jenkins moved to approve the minutes as presented, Lindsey seconded, and the minutes were accepted as presented.

c. Additions to agenda: None.

d. Executive Director’s report: Roegge stated that the National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ) and US News & World Report are working together to compile a report that ranks teacher education programs. Our institution did submit the preliminary information they requested, and, to date, no other requests or information have been received. Roegge explained that he attended an AACTE meeting in February where this was a main topic of discussion and concern. He learned that Northwestern is the only institution in the State of Illinois that plans to participate. It seems the agenda of this new ranking system is to discredit institutions; participation doesn’t seem to impact the outcome, and lack of participation implies the institution is against reform and in favor of the status quo.

Roegge said that our ISBE Annual Program Reports were successfully submitted before the February 1 deadline. We, along with other institutions, have not yet received any word on how or when these reports will be reviewed.

2. Proposals: None.

3. Matters for Discussion/Action:

a. IPTS implementation/program revision: Roegge distributed the handout “Illinois Professional Teaching Standards (2010) Redesign” and reviewed the highlighted instructions from ISBE on page 2 including the expectation that there will be new courses within the redesign. Based on these instructions, Roegge explained that this means a redesign of ten different professional sequences all with matrices, key assessments, syllabi and rubrics. The phrase “…(redesigned reflecting the 2010 IPTS and) the collaborative efforts of the stakeholders” was explained and discussed. Roegge reiterated that the class beginning Fall 2012 will graduate and be certified under these new standards and assessments.

Roegge asked for suggestions and led the discussion to develop an action plan. After a brief discussion, the following actions were suggested: 1) Inform the campus community about the new standards, ISBE expectations and new instructions for the redesign. This can be initially accomplished by CoTE sending a mass e-mail message out to key people in each program. 2) Conduct two all-inclusive, interdisciplinary meetings for the undergrad programs to discuss issues, problems, and logistics, address questions and join forces to accomplish the redesign. The key people from each program need to be in attendance at these meetings. Lindsey suggested using the next Council Executive Committee meeting time for one of those meetings. Roegge added this would also be after the scheduled statewide certification sub-committee
meeting with ISBE and regional offices where IPTS implementation will be the topic for discussion. Both Clevenger-Evans and Jerich will be in attendance.

b. Article 21 Revisions/required actions: Roegge reported that he attended the last Certification Board meeting where it was determined that Article 21 of the School Code will be written into legislation this summer. He highlighted a few items within the article. He explained that three licenses will be endorsed in specific content and grade areas (effective July 1, 2013): 1) the Illinois Professional Educator License, 2) the Professional Educator License with Stipulations, and 3) the Substitute Teaching License. Licensure Fees will also increase. As well, candidates must pass the content test prior to student teaching.

c. Candidate performance assessment: Roegge distributed a handout detailing the statewide results of the last three tests administered for the Basis Skills test. A brief discussion followed including a review of scores by race. He added that ISBE has been asked to revisit the new cut scores especially for the categories of reading and language arts.

4. Updates/Reports:
   a. ISBE update: None.

   b. Accreditation update: Jerich reported that she is in the process of submitting the Title II reports. After listening to a series of U.S. Department of Education webinars, she informed the group that last year was considered a pilot year for completing the new multi-page report. Therefore, the title II report was not released for public domain despite pressure from a number of outside agencies requesting the report. However, starting this year, the U.S. Department of Education considers the title II report as public domain. Jerich distributed handouts showing the home page of two government education websites and explained the types of information, daily blogs and state by state institutional information available. She added that a lot of pressure is being exerted to release more institutional title II information on these websites.

5. Information Items:
   a. Out of State applications: This carried over from last months agenda and is a typo.

6. Adjournment: Roegge asked for questions or comments before adjourning the meeting. Steiner Waranyuwat asked for suggestions on how to handle a request from a student to hold an information session. Discussion followed. Roegge then announced the next meeting will be held April 20th at the same location and adjourned the meeting at 4:40 pm.

Meeting dates for AY10-11: All meetings are 3-5 PM in Suite 203 (B), 505 E. Green unless otherwise indicated