

Minutes

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Feb. 5, 2009

Austin Community College
Room, 102

Business Meeting/discussion

The meeting was called to order by the president, Fay Gutierrez. There were twenty-one TC3TEP members present.

Introduction of new members. Members gave status on their program in regards to the new changes. Fay asked how economy has effected enrollment of programs. Some programs reported numbers increasing because education is a field that will always be needed. Dallas ISD's recent situation has flooded the teaching market and hindered ACP programs in Dallas.

Approval of October minutes. Mona asked Fay if action item had been addressed. Fay reported that Christina did not respond but some of the answers appeared in the FAQ's on the website.

Mary Parker made motion to accept minutes. Sabrina Belt seconded. All in favor.

Fay stated the SBEC members would not be present today but for members to put questions in writing. Carla Valdez will no longer be the director and will be replaced by Janice Lopez. Mary Gawron has also been moved to a sister division at TEA. Status of her replacement is not known at this time.

Sharon Duncan attended the stakeholders meeting: She reported that SBEC is trying to move forward. Discussed rating of programs. Members felt that programs are still struggling with new changes. A survey will be sent to everyone shortly. SBEC is not dictating where the technology is coming from on the observation requirement. Sharon feels that SBEC is trying to key in on programs that are not sufficient and many of us our doing a good job. Programs just need to offer a good program, don't try to make things more difficult. For instance the 15 hours of observation can be used with video. It doesn't necessarily have to be in the grade area and subject area. Sometimes the more clarification you request the murkier it becomes.

Laura Reyes mentioned at the TACA meeting that SBEC made a comment that if you are shooting for the minimum in your program then SBEC is looking at you. Programs have been given minimum standards for acceptable programs but this does not mean that this is where we want you to be. You will not be accredited if you do not meet these minimum standards. All of us know that we want more. Minimum standards do not meet a healthy environment. SBEC is coming up with seven quality indicators that will be used to rate programs. (Four-star, three-star, etc.) Dimensions have been defined; SBEC is working on

the rubric at this time. Programs will not have any question of where their program falls after looking at this rubric. Indicators could not be found on the NAAC website. Theresa will forward document to Fay.

Cory Green said that a big push with legislature was to give broader governance to the SBEC Board. Teacher quality was number one legislature issue and subpoena power was the second. Want to know how the districts are determining if a teacher meets the highly qualified criteria. There is a year delay in the social studies composite test.

Fay questioned members:

- ✓ Has everyone asked for approval for EC-6? EC-4 test will go away May 2010. Make sure you let your students know. Students have a year to apply for EC-4 certification once the test is given. A student has till the summer of 2011 to finish certification. Anyone who has not taken their exam by May 2010 will have to take the EC-6 exam. Programs will determine if students must pay for an additional course or preparation for EC-6 exam.
- ✓ If you are going to offer PPR EC-6 you must be approved.
- ✓ Bilingual generalist EC-6 certification-programs must apply for. If you offer the EC-6 just have students take the suplimental bilingual. If you have approval for the supplemental you do not have to apply. The suplimental is now EC-12, no longer EC-4 or 6-12.
- ✓ A bilingual student must take four exams. Content, LOTE, PPR, and bilingual generalist. If they are foreign they must also take the TOFL.
- ✓ ESL will be the same way. Have students do the supplemental.
- ✓ Sharon Duncan suggested programs use only EC-12 PPR.
- ✓ Spanish 6-12 will now be all level-Spanish EC-12. Must complete modified matrix. Benchmarks have not been made. Sept. 09 will be representative test for LOTE. Fall will be first exam available. LOTE will cover the reading, writing and oral. Mentioned we may see dates changed since Janice Lopez is moving from testing to ACP.
- ✓ Bilingual generalist content EC-6 they will take content, PPR, and BTLPT, which replaces the TOPT.

Questions on SBEC Updates Chapter 227 & 228

- ✓ Implementation date after Jan. 1, 2009. Everyone else grandfathered in.
- ✓ Bachelor's degree, 2.5 GPA, 12 semester hours in content area, **OR** passing score on content exam(PACT),
- ✓ NCLB Rule: math concepts taught in description of course, math in prefix, or math in title of course for course to be counted as part of 12 hours. Example, statistics would be okay. Discussion on closely related fields.
- ✓ Passing of proficiency exam. Karen addressed in TACA meeting. Remember the TSI is minimum requirement. Mentioned that SBEC will be revisiting TSI exemption in Chapter 229.
- ✓ Programs need to have a form that shows a student has demonstrated oral communication skills. An interview or phone interview. Need to have a rating system. Check FAQ's on

website.

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Conclusions:

Action items: Fay will send indicators to all members

Person responsible: Fay

Deadline:

Sharing Among Programs

- ✓ Most programs are not allowing substitute teaching for observation hours. Decision up to the program
- ✓ Make sure you screen bachelor's degree from a student who took the PACT exam. ETS does not verify bachelor's degree.
- ✓ New hires must have hours of observation before they can enter the classroom. Anyone admitted to a program before June 15 must have completed the 30 observation hours and 80 hours of instruction. Districts are allowing these students to do their observation hours the first week they come in before taking over the class. Much controversy over the late hire definition. Fay will clarify with SBEC. Districts may have to hire a person in Jan. admitted to your program as a long term sub.
- ✓ Karen Loonam said field experience for summer can be a combination of speaking with a teacher, helping put up a bulletin board, helping make a lesson, reading to a student, etc. Summer is a difficult time for students to get their 30 observation hours in since there is no school with the exception of summer school. Many districts will not allow students to observe summer school classes.
- ✓ Oral interview: applicant must measure oral communication, speaking clearly and directly. (# 18 of FAQ)
- ✓ Jr. Achievement teaching experience can be used for professional development.
- ✓ Classroom Management by TheTeachingZone.com. Only cost \$50 and is worth 16 hours of training. 512-461-1298
- ✓ How do we count on-line work in clock hours? Set it up as a course that shows required hours spent on each assignment.
- ✓ Programs can take in students in their final semester of the bachelor's degree, can give them test permission but they cannot teach until conferred date has been given.
- ✓ Source for good videos is TexBess-DVD's with classroom teachers-Training of Training model.

Person responsible:

Deadline:

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Technology

Sharon Duncan gave presentation of Austin Community College. Shared documentation for observation and technology.

Fay gave handout for McLennan Community College.

Conclusions:

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Debriefing and Misc.

Director's meeting in April (?)
 Next board meeting is April 3.
 Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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