



Council for Teacher Education

Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2024, 3:00-4:30 pm

Members Present: Grace Allbaugh, Nesrin Bakir, Christy Bazan, Sarah Boesdorfer, Ryan Brown, Yojanna Cuenca-Carlino, Amanda Cullen, Andrew Franson, Vickie Graziano, Cailyn Grieshaber, Mary Henninger, Amy Hurd, Jeongae Kang, Sonia Kline, Allison Kroesch (call-in), Jamie Mahurin Smith, Todd McLoda, Barb Meyer, Erin Mikulec, Kathy Mountjoy, Monica Noraian, Jay Percell, Dianne Renn, Rocio Rivadeneyra, Bert Stabler, Caitlin Stewart, Jill Thomas, Lexi Troler, Gavin Weiser, Sophie Yeazle

Absent: Diana Gaucin, Darby Wilde, Rudo Tsemunhu

Guests: Terry Jackson, Heidi Olsen,

I. **Call to order:** C. Bazan called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm

II. **Roll Call:** K. Brown conducted a roll call.

III. **Approval of minutes from the September 17th meeting:** Motion to approve-C. Bazan; All in favor, Minutes Approved

IV. **Information Items:**

- a. **A look at one year of graduates and their employment from a geographic lens** – Terry Jackson from the Lauby Teacher Education Center presented data from the most recently available 2023 ISBE Annual Program Report of undergraduate completers & job placement (graduates 9/22-8/23). From a data set of 970 undergraduate Teacher Ed program completers, 761 are employed in public Illinois schools, 54 have inactive licenses, and 9 are working as paraprofessionals. The top 5 regions these graduates are employed by are R5 – North Cook County, R17 – Dewitt/Livingston/Logan/McLean Counties, R56 – Will County, R19 – DuPage County, and R34 – Lake County. The Top 5 Districts are Unit 5, CPS #299, Schaumburg CCSD #54, Peoria SD #108, and Plainfield SD #202.
- a. **Updates from ISBE – see handout on September 2024 licensure updates** - Monica Noraian shared details of this year's ISBE call for "Those Who Excel & Teacher of the Year Awards" and the following licensure information.
 - Policy changes pertaining to content testing requirements (HG 5057),
 - Pearson Education, Inc. was awarded the state contract again. They are considering initiatives including free testing after two attempts, free interactive practice tests for all test fields, incorporation of state-specific initiatives, interactive instructional learning courses, and an increased number of vouchers distributed.
 - Culturally Responsive Teaching and Leading (CRTL) Standards deadlines
 - Illinois Professional Educator Standards (IPES) deadlines
 - Diverse Educator Recruitment and Success Plan deadlines

V. **Subcommittees**

- a. **Curriculum** - Mary Henninger – The committee approved three proposals and two other proposals were submitted that required further discussion with the programs.
- b. **Student Interest** - Jay Percell – Approximately 200 students responded to the recent [content test survey](#). Of the respondents surveyed-
 - 39.3% favored *attempting* the test prior to student teaching
 - 27.3% favored a *passed* content test be required in order to student teach
 - 24% thought that there should be no requirement of a content test attempt in order to student teach
 - 8.2% were unfamiliar with content test requirements
- c. **University Liaison and Faculty Interests** - Monica Noraian – The CTE Bylaws are still with the Academic Senate. The committee will meet with Rick Valentine to determine if there are ways they can be of assistance in the process.
- d. **University Teacher Education Assessment** - Sarah Boesdorfer – The committee did not meet last week.
- e. **Vision** - Jill Thomas –They reviewed the sample form for the PERS (Professional Expectation Review) system, which will take the place of the current disposition system. They will share the drafts with CTE when it becomes available.

VI. **Discussion Items:**

- a. **Necessary Gateway changes** due to state code now allowing the content test to be completed prior to licensure rather than student teaching. Discussion continued from previous meetings. Members mentioned many factors to

consider, including the potential drawbacks of waiting until student teaching to take the test, the question of affordability and lack of access to testing centers, methods for communicating the requirement of testing to gain licensure, and the importance of early testing.

Previous discussions resulted in three suggestions for policy change going forward.

Option 1- Create Gateway 1 milestone to show **attempted** content test and move current Gateway 1 milestone tracking passage of content test to Gateway 2

Option 2- Create Gateway 1 milestone to show **attempted** content test and remove Gateway 1 milestone tracking passage of content test completely.

Option 3 - Create Gateway 1 milestone to show **attempted** content test and Gateway 2 milestone of another **attempt** (if not passed in Gateway 1 milestone)

Ryan Brown motioned to move the discussion to an action item, and Sarah Boesdorfer seconded the motion.

VII. Action Items:

- a. Ryan Brown motioned for a vote that “an attempt be made at the content tests, as indicated in Gateway 1, prior to student teaching”. Sarah Boesdorfer seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention. All other members present were in favor.
- b. Jay Percell motioned for a vote that “If attempt(s) of the content exam during Gateway 1 is/are not successful, students are strongly recommended to complete a subsequent attempt of the content exam during Gateway 2 because passage of the content exam is a state requirement for licensure.” Amanda Cullen seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention. All others present were in favor.

VIII. Legislative Updates:

IX. Announcements and Last Comments:

- a. Erin Mikulec shared a handout with updates on course offerings in the School of Teaching and Learning for this upcoming spring and summer term.

X. Adjournment: 4:30 p.m.

Next CTE Executive Board Meeting: October 8, 2024, 2-3 pm & CTE Subcommittee Meetings: October 8, 2024, 3:00-4:30 pm

Curriculum: Chair – Mary Henninger & Allison Kroesch Co-Chairs (DEG 304 3:00-4:30)

Student Interests Committee: Jay Percell, Chair (DEG 56 Conference Room 3:30-4:30)

University Liaison and Faculty Interests: Todd McLoda & Monica Noraian, Co-Chairs (DEG 504 3:00-4:30)

University Teacher Education Assessment Committee: Sarah Boesdorfer, Chair (DEG 551 3:00-4:00)

Vision: Jill Thomas, Chair (DEG 506A 3:00-4:00)

Next CTE Meeting: October 15, 2024, 3:00-4:30 pm

2024-2025 CTE & COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

| CTE (1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays) DEG 551 | Exec & Subcommittees (2 nd and 4 th Tuesdays) |
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| Oct. 1 | Oct. 8 |
| Oct. 15 | Oct 22 |
| Nov. 5 (No Meeting) | Nov. 12 |
| Nov. 19 | Nov. 26 (No Meeting) |
| Dec. 3 | Dec. 10 (Finals Dec 9 – 13) |
| Dec. 17 (No Meeting) | Dec. 24 (No Meeting) |
| Jan. 7 (No Meeting) | Jan. 14 |
| Jan. 21 | Jan. 28 (No Meeting) |
| Feb. 4 | Feb. 11 |
| Feb. 18 | Feb. 25 |
| March 4 | March 11 (No Meeting – Spring Break) |
| March 18 (No Meeting – Spring Break) | March 25 |
| April 1 | April 8 |
| April 15 | April 22 |