

Minutes for Teacher Education and K-12 Relations committee meeting on February 11, 2005.

Present: Beverly Young (Chancellor's Office), Robert Williams, James Wheeler, Barbara Swerkes, Marvin Klein, Lynn Cook (Exec.Com.Liasion), Calvin Caplan.

Absent: Lillian Vega-Castaneda, Craig Smith, Gayle Hutchinson, Nancy Hunt, Sam Edelman.

The February TEKR meeting involved planning for the upcoming presentation to the campus chairs by the Office of Evaluation and Assurance on subject matter programs that lead to a teaching credential. The context of this presentation is the need for ongoing collaboration between subject matter and teacher education faculty in the preparation of teachers. The members of the State Board of Education and the Governor's office argue that the CSU subject matter content needs to be better aligned with the K-12 standards. With this ongoing political pressure it behooves the CSU to continue to work to improve collaboration between subject matter and teacher education faculty. This will be stressed to the campus chairs when introducing the topic and speakers, Bill Wilson and David Wright, from the office of Evaluation and Assurance. This presentation is scheduled at the April meeting of the campus chairs in Long Beach.

The remainder of the TEKR meeting involved a free ranging discussion on the issue of collaboration between subject matter and teacher preparation faculty. The committee addressed the responses to the pretest of the collaboration survey that was administered to the CSU academic senators at the January plenary. This discussion included the goals of the survey: to identify the extent of collaboration existing now, the modes of existing collaboration and the identification of best methods. Also, the committee discussed the best way to get the information from the various campuses. It was decided that the survey should be given to campus senate chairs for distribution on each campus.

A redraft of the survey will be distributed to committee members, and the instrument will be finalized at the March committee meeting.