

Teacher Education K-12 Relations Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2006

Present: Cal Caplan, Marshall Cates, Greg Cho, Nancy Hunt (Secretary), Cheryl Mason, Mark O'Shea, Jim Wheeler (Chair)

Excused absences: Marv Klein, Rob Williams, Lillian Vega-Castañeda

Guests: Bill Wilson, David Wright, CSU Center for Teacher Quality, Office of the Chancellor; Beverly Young, Office of the Chancellor

- I. **Welcome and introductions.** Chair Jim Wheeler thanked the committee for the year's work, and acknowledged the contributions of Cheryl Mason and Nancy Hunt as well as Greg Cho, who will not be returning to the Senate next year.
- II. **Approval of the minutes and the agenda.** The agenda was revised and approved. Minutes of the April 7, 2006 meeting were approved.
- III. Guests Bill Wilson and David Wright from the CSU Center for Teacher Quality presented the results of the Five-Year Evaluation of Teacher Education in the California State University System. A brief discussion followed. It was agreed that Bill Wilson would be invited to attend TEKR meetings when the committee is addressing an issue related to his expertise. Additionally, it was agreed that continuing what has turned out to be an annual dialog involving David Wright, Bill Wilson and TEKR centered on the annual evaluation of teacher preparation programs continues to be strongly indicated.
- IV. **Update from the Chancellor's Office:**
 - a. Beverly Young described Jack Scott's SB 1209, a new Teacher Education reform bill. The CO will probably take a "support" position on the bill, but is working with Senator Scott's office on the following issues:
 - Implementation and full funding of TPAs
 - Removal of the professional development requirement
 - Review and revision of BTSA
 - Liberalization of policies on out-of-state teachers
 - b. Deans discussed the LAO report calling for doing away with the CCTC. Chancellor Reed has written a letter to Assembly Member Dymally and Senator Scott expressing reservations about some of the recommendations of the LAO report.
 - c. Campuses are being urged to encourage students to apply for the APLE Forgivable Loan Program so available resources can be used to maximum benefit.
 - d. Work on the Preschool Teacher Preparation Initiative is taking a back seat until we see whether the Initiative passes. Even if it doesn't, the CSU will continue to work on the issue of preschool teacher preparation. The Initiative carries \$500 million for higher education to develop preschool teacher preparation programs, but there will be competition among the community colleges, CSU, and UC for these funds.

- e. Marshall Cates commented that some university campuses have experienced a substantial waiting time between the submission and approval (or other action) of subject matter programs. The Chancellor's Office will inquire as to the source of any problems associated with delays in the program approval process.
 - f. Discussion followed regarding the CSU position on regulations of the CTC regarding teacher licensing. Committee members expressed interest in CSU policy concerning the future of these regulations. Some members expressed concerns about the need to have approved programs in subject matter at the secondary level.
- V. **Independent Ed.D.** Cheryl and Mark with Beverly provided an update on the development of the Independent Ed.D. by the faculty work group. Darleen Yee and Christy Jensen are developing a resolution in support of the work and work products of the faculty work group. It is anticipated that the resolution, if finalized, will be co-sponsored by TEKR and Academic Affairs. Mark provided an overview of the nature of the work conducted to date.
- VI. The resolution on subject matter–teacher education collaboration was reviewed for modifications. Edits were provided.
- VII. **Tracker Scout Reports**
- a. Cheryl Mason: NCATE is undergoing minor revisions in wording of the standards.
 - b. Greg Cho: No changes or new developments to report at the State Board level.
 - c. Cal Caplan: Interaction with Marshall on recommendations for changes in the EAP Math exam. The ELM continues to be continuously updated.
 - d. Mark O'Shea: Subject matter authorizations must be revised to meet NCLB requirements. Mark provided a copy of the new guidelines and the committee noticed peculiar elements, for instance, that there is no specific subject matter authorization in mathematics.
 - e. Jim Wheeler – referred back to SB 1209 and Proposition 82 discussions that were two items to be discussed during his report. Additionally, two reports from the LAO were brought to the committee.
- VIII. **LAO Reports:** Two reports of the legislative analyst's office, dealing with changes to the CTC and licensure and authorization of Early Childhood educators were reviewed by the committee.
- IX. **Committee priorities for next year:**
- Monitor legislative initiatives around early childhood education, the LAO position on the Teacher Credentialing Commission, and the outcome of SB 1209 introduced by Senator Jack Scott.
 - Working with academic affairs and other committees to advance our work.
 - Working with the Deans of Education group.
 - EAP, professional development for high school teachers, these initiatives of the COs office should be moved forward.
 - Encourage the CSU role in professional development of teachers.

- Teacher preparation programs need to include the content and skills of the EAP, that this professional development be imbedded in the teacher education curriculum.

X. The meeting adjourned at 4:00.