

**CERTIFICATION STANDARDS & PRACTICES
ADVISORY COUNCIL JOINT MEETING WITH THE
COUNCIL OF DEANS**

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 &17, 2004

*MSU Billings
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Billings, MT 59101
Room 122*

CALL TO ORDER

The Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council was called to order by CSPAC Chair, Gloria Curdy, on Thursday, September 16, 2004, at 8:30 a.m. CSPAC council members present were: Gloria Curdy, Chair; Scott McCulloch, Vice Chair; Melodee Smith-Burreson; George White; Douglas Reisig and Dan Villa. Staff members present were: Peter Donovan, Administrative Officer for CSPAC and Jennifer Marsicano, CSPAC Council Secretary. The following people signed the meeting roster: Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT; Margaret Bowles, OPI; Elizabeth Keller, OPI; Bob Clemens, MSU; Deena Alley, University of Montana, Western; Paul Rowland, University of Montana, Missoula; Lynette Zuroff, Carroll College; Barbara Vail, Rocky Mountain College; Will Rawn, MSU Northern, and Harold Jones.

Ms. Curdy, Chair, called the meeting to order. Ms. Curdy stated that there were some corrections that needed to be made to the minutes of the July 01-02, 2004 CSPAC meeting. These changes were made.

Motion: Doug Reisig made a motion to approve the July 01-02, 2004 CSPAC meeting minutes as revised. Melodee Smith-Burreson seconded this motion. This motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Donovan stated that the National Commission on Teaching and America's Future (NCTAF) is requesting to have a regional meeting and this meeting will be held in Seattle, Washington on October 14-15, 2004. Kelly Green, Executive Officer, stated NCTAF would be paying for five to eight participants from each state to attend the conference.

Ms. Curdy stated Ms. Smith-Burreson and Mr. Donovan should attend the NCTAF conference. Mr. Donovan stated that he would like to see if the members of the Montana Commission on Teaching and a Montana legislator would also attend this conference.

Mr. Donovan stated that Mr. Villa is resigning to assume a seat in the Montana Legislature. The trustee position on CSPAC will be advertised and the deadline to receive applications will be October 15, 2004. The new trustee member will be attending the January CSPAC meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

ITEM 1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Curdy stated the council would re-examine the CSPAC Committee & Responsibility List. Ms. Curdy asked the council if there were any additions, revisions or deletions in the areas of these committees. Mr. Villa requested that the TEAC/NCATE assessment study be deleted from the Research Projects Oversight Committee. Ms. Curdy suggested that the TEAC/NCATE assessment study remain on the committee for now to be re-examined when the new council member is appointed to this committee.

Ms. Curdy stated that the yearly council agenda items need to be changed to the following: January to winter, April to spring, July to summer, and October to fall to more accurately reflect CSPAC'S meeting calendar.

ITEM 2 CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Curdy stated that the council would like to recognize Mr. Villa for his service of 14 months, and that the council appreciated his service to the council. Ms. Curdy presented a plaque with gratitude to Mr. Villa.

ITEM 3 BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION REPORT

Mr. Donovan presented the Board of Public Education report because Steve Meloy, Executive Secretary was unable to attend the CSPAC meeting. Mr. Donovan stated that he and Mr. Meloy presented to a group of Pakistani Teacher Educators in Helena. At this presentation, Mr. Meloy talked about the role of the Board of Public Education and Mr. Donovan talked about the role of CSPAC in education governance in Montana.

Mr. Donovan stated that Mr. Meloy has been involved with the Legislative Fiscal Division in preparation of the bi-annual budget for the Board of Public Education and CSPAC.

Mr. Donovan stated there have been three people denied licensure in Montana that are appealing these denials to the Board of Public Education. These individuals will present their cases during a hearing on Monday, September 21, 2004 with the Board of Public Education. Mr. Donovan stated that any of the members of the council were welcome to attend this hearing.

Ms. Curdy requested that the council have a presentation on distance learning at the CSPAC meeting in January. Possible presenters on this topic could include the following: Dave Puyear, Bruce Messinger, or Lance Melton.

Mr. Donovan provided an update on the CSPAC budget. Mr. White stated that the CSPAC budget is falling in the red and this issue must be addressed. Ms. Curdy stated the CSPAC budget would be addressed again at the winter CSPAC meeting.

ITEM 4 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Donovan presented a list of meetings he attended from July 2004 to September 2004. Mr. Donovan stated the Montana Educator Forum would occur on October 1, 2004 and the emphasis at the Montana Educator Forum will be team building.

Mr. Donovan stated that he was asked to be chair of the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification, Professional Preparation and Continuing Development Committee. NASDTEC has three committees and as committee chair, Mr. Donovan would serve as an ex-officio member of the NASDTEC Executive Board and this committee will be working on performance based accreditation and some reciprocity issues. Mr. Donovan asked the council to approve his participation on this committee. Ms. Curdy stated that Mr. Donovan's service on the NASDTEC would be beneficial and relevant to the council.

ITEM 5 MONTANA COMMISSION ON TEACHING COMMITTEE

Ms. Smith-Burreson gave an update on the NCTAF Partnership Symposium that was held in Orlando, Florida. Ms. Smith-Burreson stated that Tom Carroll, President of NCTAF, welcomed the group and focused on quality, quantity and equity issues for teachers. Ms. Smith-Burreson stated that NCTAF is seeing signs of success as demonstrated by the number of teachers remaining constant and the number of highly qualified teachers continuing to increase.

ITEM 6 LICENSURE COMMITTEE

Dr. Reisig stated that Mr. Donovan would present information to the Licensure Committee. Mr. Donovan distributed a report entitled Performance-Based Assessment, Multi-Tiered Teacher Licensure: Implications for New Mexico. Mr. Donovan stated that the report focused on a study of performance-based, tiered licensure from around the country and this report was used as the basis for building the New Mexico tiered licensure system.

Dr. Reisig presented on Paraprofessional Certification, stating that he would like to remove this item from his committee. Mr. McCulloch reported there has been some discussion dealing with trying to get a certificate that would transfer from one district to another in relation to paraprofessionals.

Dr. Reisig stated that if he was to continue this research on Paraprofessional Certification, he needed to know what the council's purpose was with this issue. Dr. Reisig asked if the council was going to try to move paraprofessionals to get a degree from a university, or was the council going to move toward requiring something like the ACT Work Keys, so a paraprofessional would be able to move from one district to another district.

Mr. McCulloch stated he would like to hear from the field, and asked staff to arrange for a leader to present on the paraprofessional issue. Ms. Curdy stated the Paraprofessional item would be added to the winter CSPAC meeting and requested Eric Burke, Sherry Postma or Carla Hathaway to present on paraprofessional.

ITEM 7 PROFESSIONAL ETHICS COMMITTEE REPORT

No Report

ITEM 8 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL COMMITTEE REPORT

This item was discussed during the Council of Deans Meeting.

ITEM 9 PRE-PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Dr. White gave an update on NCATE

Motion: Dr. White made a motion to recommend to the Board of Public Education to change the rule 10.58.103 to reflect a 7-year review cycle. Mr. McCulloch seconded this motion. This motion was unanimously approved.

ITEM 10 RESEARCH PROJECTS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Villa presented a draft Research Project Request Form, stating that this form would be an avenue for groups and individuals to come forward to request CSPAC's support for specific research projects. Ms. Curdy stated that this form should be on-line and accessible to groups.

Ms. Curdy adjourned the CSPAC meeting to meet with the Council of Deans.

CSPAC'S JOINT MEETING WITH THE COUNCIL OF DEANS

Ms. Curdy called the meeting to order and thanked the Council of Deans (COD) for meeting with CSPAC. Formal introductions were then made.

ITEM 1 ENDORSEMENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Dr. Paul Rowland stated that Ms. Bowles would be presenting on endorsement topics because Dr. Linda Peterson was not able to attend the meeting. Ms. Bowles stated the Internship Application has evolved in the areas that pertain to endorsements; the role of teacher education, the role of school districts and the role of OPI. Ms. Bowles stated that OPI has spent considerable time clarifying and making this application work. This new application will be available on the web.

ITEM 2 PILOT TESTING/PROJECT/PLANNING FOR TESTING

Ms. Bowles handed out a newsletter from ETS (Education Testing Service). Ms. Bowles stated that there are some tests that are scheduled to be revised in 2004-2005. The Professor's Guide to the Praxis II Test can be purchased from ETS. Ms. Bowles stated that for users of the ParaPro assessment test the testing deadline is January 2006.

Dr. Rowland stated that there was a Pilot Testing Project in April, 530 students participated in the pilot project, and these students completed the curriculum and instruction assessment tests. At the secondary level, students completed the principals of learning and teaching test. These test results were reported in August. Dr. Rowland stated that there are some concerns with continuing with ETS. Mr. Rowland stated some of these concerns were the mass firings at ETS and the miss scoring of the PLT 7-12 tests. Dr. Rowland led discussion on concerns of whether or not students will ever find out if their scores are accurate.

ITEM 3 MULTIPLE MEASURES ASSESSMENT

Dr. Rowland stated that teacher education programs should use assessments as a component of Title II reporting and not as a stand-alone score. Mr. Feaver stated that tests are a way to measure progress and success, and are not intended for high stakes stand-alone purposes. Dr. Rowland recommended that the Deans proceed with pilot testing and assemble pilot study committees and discuss how to proceed.

ITEM 4 PEPPS REVISION UPDATE

Dr. Rowland presented on the PEPPS revision update. Dr. Rowland asked what type of courses and workshops are being offered by higher education to assist with professional development.

Dr. Rowland asked if the needs of teachers for professional development are being met. If not, what role could higher education serve in this area?

ITEM 5 NCATE

Mr. Donovan gave an update on NCATE. Mr. Donovan stated that there would need to be a rule change to modify the five-year cycle to a seven-year cycle.

Motion: Dan Villa made a motion to recommend to the Board of Public Education to change 10.58.103 to reflect a seven-year review cycle. Doug Reisig seconded this motion. This motion was unanimously approved.

ITEM 6 IN – SERVICE TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Rowland presented on the In – Service Teacher Professional Development. The major concern was what kinds of course work and workshops are offered; what ways are teacher education programs meeting the needs of teachers and what can be improved. Another concern was which components of the No Child Left Behind Act are being followed.

Ms Curdy stated that she has requested the Professional Development Renewal Committee be discussed at the winter meeting.

ITEM 7 HEA TITLE II UPDATE

Dr. Rowland stated there was no report on this item.

Ms. Curdy and Dr. Rowland dismissed the joint Council of Deans and CSPAC meeting. The CSPAC meeting continued on September 15, 2004 at 8:30 A.M.

ITEM 11 PLANS FOR FUTURE CONFERENCES

Ms. Curdy stated that the Western States Certification Conference would be in Santa Fe, New Mexico on January 11-13, 2005. Mr. Donovan, Ms. Curdy and Mr. White will be attending this meeting.

Mr. Donovan stated the Montana Educator Forum is on October 1, 2004 in Helena MT. Ms. Curdy stated that the next joint meeting with the Council of Deans and CSPAC would be in Bozeman. Ms. Curdy tentatively set a date of October 6-7, 2005.

ITEM 12 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Paraprofessional Certification Panel Discussion
Professional Development & Renewal Committee
Content Area Test
Distance Learning Panel Discussion

ITEM 13 PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF CSPAC

There was no public comment.

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