



**COUNCIL FOR EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS**  
**(CEPP)**

**CEPP Minutes: 2016**

## Minutes - 2/25/16 CTE Meeting

- 1) Minutes from 10/29 meeting - (Smith/Kelley)approved as written
- 2) Updates on TEA, certification issues. 227 revisions. Discussion of change to formal admission policy, admission criteria, postbaccalaureate and alternative certification, contingency admission one semester prior to formal admission.
- 3) GPA requirements. Individual vs. cohort GPA standards. TAMU GPA vs. last 60 hour GPA. Discussion of aggieTEACH analysis of GPA requirements.
- 4) Testing. Discussion of 5 test limit after 9/1/2015. Clarification regarding registration and no-show counting as an attempt. Clarification regarding limit per attempt, not per exam. Questions about appeal process. Discussion of CEHD-administered practice tests and how they are administered.
- 5) BVTEC. Discussion of history of group, original purpose as time for TAMU programs and districts to get together and share information, with active professional development and discussions. Currently more of a "report out" format. Possibility of reinventing the group to be more purposeful, built around a particular mission. Action item: Parker will take discussion to TACTE meeting, career fair about how it might be implemented.
- 6) Dean's committee to explore undergraduate teacher education. One question to be asked: are our teachers prepared with skills to deal with diverse needs of diverse populations? In what classes does this preparation happen? Committee will hold meeting at the end of May to discuss the differing needs of rural and urban students, and develop a self-study plan. Request for inclusion of SPED faculty and an update at next meeting of CTE.
- 7) District and Program announcements. April 4 career fair. No March meeting. BISD looking for teachers, apply online. BISD hosting in-district career fairs, dates in April and May TBD. BISD has 24 ongoing collaborative research projects, mostly with TAMU, SHSU, SFA, Harvard. AEN conference June 6-7 offering GT continuing education credit for participants. AggieTEACH conference piggybacking on AEN conference. CSOTTE October 16-18.
- 8) Adjourned 10:58AM

**Minutes**  
**Council on Teacher Education**  
**Texas A&M University**

Thursday, April 21, 2016  
10:00 am  
211 Heaton Hall

**Welcome and Introductions – Dawn Parker**

- February Minutes Approval – Diane Graham moved for approval of minutes, Beth McNeill seconded, and the minutes were approved by vote.

**Reports and Discussion:**

- Update on BVCTEC – Dawn Parker
  - Dawn reported to the group this was the largest attendance at the meeting, as a result of this being the largest career fair in history. However, those in attendance were primarily from HR, and not administration. The format of the meeting provided discussion on how we as an EPP could best meet the needs of the districts. There was discussion on how best to reach administrators and encourage attendance the meetings. It was decided we would change the invitations by including administrators, possible cooperating teachers, and providing a defined topic of discussion for the meeting in hopes to attract the desired audience. It is to be considered to invite the desired audience to the spring 2017 career fair, and host a discussion on what makes a student teacher a desirable candidate for hire. We will follow up on this in future meetings.
- Update on SBEC Meeting April 15th
  - Misti Corn reported the SBEC meeting included TEA proposals regarding changes to the Core Subjects EC-6 exam. TEA recommends removing the Fine Arts, Music, P.E. section from the exam and removing time limits on remaining sections. This is simple a proposal and no action was taken at this time by SBEC. The vote, testimony, and decision will be made at the June meeting of SBEC.
  - Misti Corn reported an email is forthcoming regarding meeting with each program to discuss the individualization of the data portal
- TAMU teacher education visioning – Dawn Parker
  - A committee has been created by the Dean to address the vision for teacher education. The committee meets May 11<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Cunningham has charged the CTE with writing a white paper on our vision as well. This will take place at the Program Retreat on May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Program and school district announcements

- Jill Morris reported Bryan ISD students from Neil Elementary will be participating in a presentation at Rudder today as part of a partnership titled Making the Maker, with TAMU and Bryan ISD. This program is one of many partnerships Bryan ISD has with multiple institutions of higher education.
- Beth McNeill reported potential changes within school health and kinesiology programs. As a result of a program evaluation, it is possible school health could be moved to another College, however, nothing has been decided at this time.

**Program Retreat will take place on May 10, 2016 from 10am – 2:30pm. Location is TBA.**

**Council on Teacher Education (CTE)  
College of Education and Human Development, TAMU**

**Thursday, April 21, 2016  
10:00am, Room 211 Heaton**

**Attendance**

Name	Program / Representation
Dawn Parker	CEHD - Director Teacher Prep
Misti Corn	Deans Office - Certification
Jenn Whitfield	College science - aggr TEACH
Jill Morris	BISD
Kim Parson	TLAC
Kelly Schmid	SPED
Janet Hammer	TLAC
Jane Rankin	TLAC
Lany Kelly	TLAC
Beth McNeill	HLKN
Diane Graham	HLKN

**Minutes**  
**Council on Teacher Education**  
Texas A&M University

Thursday, September 22, 2016  
2:00pm  
211 Heaton Hall

**In attendance:** Lauren Williams (Post Bacc), Dawn Parker (Dean), Jill Morris (Bryan ISD), Misti Corn (Dean), Apostolos Vasilakis (English), Jane Rankin (Accelerate Online), Tim Scott (Science), Miranda Walichowski (Bilingual – EPSY), Kim Parish (TLAC), Janet Hammer (TLAC), Vince Schielack (Math), Beth McNeil (HLKN), Diane Graham (HLKN), Kelly Schmid (Special Education EPSY), and Tim Murphy (Agriculture)

**Welcome and Introductions – Dawn Parker**

- April Minutes Approval – Beth McNeil moved for approval of minutes, Tim Scott seconded, and the minutes were approved by vote.

**The Council on Teacher Education (CTE) and the Role of Members – Dawn Parker**

- Dr. Parker explained the role of an Educator Preparation Program (EPP) governing board, such as CTE, as defined in TAC 228.2. The roles and expectations of both the State and Texas A&M University were identified. Member of CTE acknowledged the expectations and their responsibility to govern.

**Reports and Discussion:**

- **Teacher Preparation: Do our programs have the rigor necessary to create top-notch programs? - Dean Joyce Alexander**
  - Dr. Alexander challenged program leaders to self-assess our programs to see if we are meeting the needs of public schools in Texas. She stated we have passionate, smart students in our program but would like for us to continue to assess our curriculum to ensure we were preparing students to enter the marketplace prepared for challenges, and to keep them in the field for years to come. This is part of her vision for our College, and would like to continue this discussion in the future with CTE as well as a “think” group formed by her office.
- **Availability of EC-6 Mathematics Modules for Endorsements through TAMU System – Dawn Parker**
  - Dr. Parker described the modules available on the TAMU system site which provide training for students to receive an endorsement in Mathematics in addition to their EC-6 certification. For more information, you can contact Dr. Parker.
- **TEA/SBEC Updates (Next meeting October 7) – Dawn Parker**
  - **2 Test Attempt Pass rate and TAMU remediation Process –** It is expected to pass SBEC in October, that pass rates for accreditation standards would now be based on the student’s second attempt. Based on this, our current remediation process would need to begin sooner than the second failed attempt. Each program is encouraged to create and put into effect their own remediation process for their students.

- Ethical Practice Acknowledgement Form – Misti Corn for Chris Cherry – In order to meet TAC requirements, we are working to create an ethics acknowledgement form via Train Track. The program is pending at the System level. We anticipate to roll the training out this spring. This acknowledgement would also need to be signed by mentor teachers and supervisors.
- Certification Updates – Misti Corn
  - TEA annual reports have been completed. Misti thanked the programs for their cooperation in learning the new format via the data portal, as it made reporting much less of a burden on the programs and certification office. All undergraduate programs have now migrated to the data portal, with the exception of observation reporting by Post Bacc. We are working to migrate professional programs to the data portal.
- Program and school district announcements
  - Jill Morris, of Bryan ISD, reported that she would be working with Aggie TEACH students in data collection and assessment.
  - Jane Rankin, Accelerate Online, reported new admission policy for the program. The new requirements will provide rigor above State minimums as well as allow a more holistic review of potential candidates.
  - Janet Hammer, TLAC, announced a proposal to include Certify Teacher as a textbook for Junior II course. If approved, this will be used as a test preparation tool prior to TExES exam approval.

○ **The next meeting is tentatively set for October 20, 2016**

**Minutes**  
**Council on Teacher Education**  
**Texas A&M University**

Thursday, November 17, 2016  
2:00pm  
211 Heaton Hall

**In attendance:** Lauren Williams (Post Bacc), Dawn Parker (Dean), Misti Corn (Dean), Jane Rankin (Accelerate Online), Jenn Whitfield (aggieTEACH), Miranda Walichowski (Bilingual – EPSY), Kim Parish (TLAC), Janet Hammer (TLAC), Beth McNeil (HLKN), Diane Graham (HLKN), Kelly Schmid (Special Education EPSY), Chris Cherry (Dean), Connie Fournier (Special Education), Martha Ramirez (College Station ISD), Rebekah Schaub (Community Member) and Jamie Norgaard (Agriculture).

**Welcome and Introductions – Dawn Parker**

- September 22<sup>nd</sup> Minutes Approval – Kelly Schmid moved for approval of minutes, Kim Parish seconded, and the minutes were approved by vote.

**The Council on Teacher Education (CTE) and the Role of Members – Dawn Parker**

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**Reports and Discussion:**

- Revisit Teacher Preparation: Do our programs have the rigor necessary to create top-notch programs? Dr. Parker
  - Dr. Parker followed up on the Dean’s challenge regarding our program’s ability to identify areas in our curriculum where students are taught to deal with home situations, mental health, and socio-economic issues, among others. It was decided Dawn would create a template with each area and programs would list the corresponding course/activities in which these areas are addressed.
- TEA/SBEC Updates Misti Corn
  - Misti Corn and Dr. Cherry attended the TAMU System Certification meeting where TEA staff presented new legislation and pending rules. It is anticipated all will pass SBOE on November 18, 2016.
  - Upcoming TEA mandates include:
    - TEA IDs for all supervisors,
    - programs must add proof of passing basic skills to the application process
    - Post-baccalaureate programs and alternative certification programs MAY use previous coursework if from the same institution.
    - Changes in intern vs. probationary certifications
    - Region 13 creating a supervisor training that will be available to all EPPs
    - Mentor and Cooperating teachers must be trained prior to placements
    - Increase in observations for clinical teachers and interns, as well as time frames for observations



- **TEXES Test approvals for former students – Misti Corn**
  - Per TEA rule programs **MUST** allow any completer to attempt the exams, regardless of the time lapse from the program. It was decided that TAMU would create a policy in which students could test one year after graduation without any additional preparation. Those requesting to test beyond the one year would be required to complete additional preparation or sign a document declining our offer for assistance. Misti will draft the policy and send to CTE members for approval. Once approved the policy needs to be posted on program websites as well as CEHD website.
- **Update on Accelerate Online Proposed Changes**
  - Jane Rankin, Accelerate Online, reported new admission policy for the program. The program continues to listen to stakeholders while making necessary changes.
- **CREATE PACE Report**
  - Dr. Parker and Misti Corn will attend the PACE meeting on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. The research and data presented at the meeting will be available to anyone interested. Dr. McNeill noted this information is useful to those seeking tenure.
- **Program and school district announcements**
  - TLAC reported a successful fall career fair.
  - Dr. McNeill reported an increase in HLKN students (double from fall) for the upcoming semester.
  - Dr. Parker announced her decision to step down from the role of Director of Educator Preparation.

**The next meeting is tentatively set for January 2017. A date will be forthcoming.**