

Minutes
Council for Teacher Education
September 20, 2018
NH DOE room 15

Members Present:

Co-Chair Suzanne Canali, Co-Chair Frank Hoell, Tom Schram, Michael Fournier, Carolyn Cormier, Diane Monico, Mary Earick, Mary Ford, Teri Young, Jacqui Kelleher, Beth Bruno, Nicole Heimarck, Kelly Dunn, Chris Ward, Ron Pedro, Patricia Corbett , Heather Cummings, Bonnie Painchaud, Commissioner Frank Edelblut, Michael Seidel, Marie Blanchard

Guests:

Deputy Commissioner Christine Brennan, Bill Ross (NHDOE), Wayne Lesperance (NEC)

Welcome & Introductions:

Co-chair Hoell welcomed everyone, and asked that we go around the room to introduce ourselves as there were several guests and new members.

Commissioner Edelblut's Remarks:

The Commissioner also welcomed the group and asked to have a few minutes to talk about his thoughts on education in NH. The Commissioner spoke about his aspirations for “personal learning”, “learner responsive”, and “Bright Futures” for students in New Hampshire. He talked about the persistent equity gap for some students over the past 4 decades, and if we really want close the gap, we will need to change the premise the system is built on. He expanded his thoughts by giving several examples and talking about the cohort model that drives our current educational system. He mentioned it may be time for a new premise to think about. He proposed that all children are inherently curious and want to learn. He gave several examples of this premise, and asked that we think about new ways to engage students to foster the bright futures they deserve.

Approval of Minutes:

A few minutes were given for folks to review the June meeting draft minutes. It was asked if the format could go back to listing members present. There were also some type-o's spotted. Minutes were approved with corrections.

New England College:

- Upcoming Review/extension?

Michael Seidel gave some background information regarding the situation with this review. The DOE and CTE are not in a position to do this review in November. However, NEC is ready. Many questions surfaced during the discussion regarding the options for moving forward, timelines, and the ripple effect that could happen to the other reviews that are scheduled for the 2018-19 academic year. This review is at an urgent junction as the NEC program approval expires in January 2019. They (NEC) also have 4 new programs they would like to begin enrolling, 3 of which address critical shortage areas. These programs would need to be reviewed and approved.

It was asked when NEC hoped to begin enrollment for the new programs? They replied by stating they have 7 week terms, so they would be able to enroll students in the spring if

approved. Several options were suggested as ways that NEC could get these new programs started amid the uncertainty of a November review or extension of approval.

The conversation returned numerous times to the reality that the DOE does not have a CTE representative in place to provide guidance, support, and technical assistance during the extensive review process.

Co-chair Hoell called for a motion. More concern was raised. The DOE has a facilitating leadership role for these reviews not an approving leadership role. More discussion followed regarding the process and roles during reviews.

Co-chair Hoell asked again for a motion. A motion to extend NEC's approval to August 31, 2019 was put forth. Concern with that date was raised as there is no regular CTE meeting in August. The motion was re-phrased with discussion over timing and dates going back and forth several different ways. The date of extending to August 2020 seemed to be agreeable to all involved. However, there is no regular August meeting. It was noted that extending out that long would not mean they would have to wait.

Procedural note: NEC would like it to be clear, they are not asking for the extension.

The discussion circled around again to the timing and domino effect of this situation. It was also articulated that these extensions are only a band aid on the real problem. Discussion followed regarding a moratorium on approvals. Many of the same issues were raised including the timing of extensions, State Board issues, and the open DOE position. The motion to extend was withdrawn, and the moratorium discussion continued.

The Co-chair noted a motion for NEC was needed before they could continue. Co-chair Hoell recommended extending NEC's approval to August 2020 through no fault of their own. Mary Earick seconded.

1 abstention (NEC)

0 opposed

Motion passed

Next step, Michael Seidel will take the extension recommendation to the State Board of Education. Discussion followed regarding which State Board meeting. The September 26 meeting is a retreat, and it is not known if it is a voting meeting. Michael will confirm if it is a public meeting with voting. The next State Board meeting available is October 4.

Co-chair Hoell called for a 10 minute break

UVEI

- Request to Conduct a New Program Review - Curriculum Administrator

The UVEI is currently running the Curriculum Administrator program which is approved for the students in Vermont, and they would like to offer the program to their New Hampshire students. During the discussion it was asked if the NH rules aligned with VT, and when do they want to begin the program. Chris Ward for UVEI stated they would like to offer the program in December. It was stated that the national rules may help with questions regard programs crossing state lines.

At this late date, it appears that it would be difficult to assign reviewers. Also, someone mentioned that last year it was stated that the CTE would not entertain any new program reviews while the DOE position is open. Marie will check prior minutes and follow up with Chairs as soon as possible. More discussion regarding reviews and Alt 2 opportunities followed.

Motion to review this program as soon as possible was made and seconded.

1 abstained (UVEI)

0 opposed

Motion passed

The conversation returned to NEC new program review.

Motion to review NECs new programs as soon as possible was made and seconded.

1 abstained (NEC)

0 opposed

Motion passed

DOE Report

- NHDOE update and hiring status – Michael Seidel

The DOE has been trying to fill the CTE position, with little success. The DOE is dedicated to filling the position as soon as possible.

- PSU update – Michael Seidel and Attorney to the Commissioner Richard Sala.

Richard introduced himself and gave some background information regarding the August State Board meeting with regard to PSU's Program Approval. During the discussion concern for how the process unfolded, and what will happen to students who are enrolled and hoping to enroll in PSU teacher prep programs. There was a concern over the poor appearance of the proceedings. Several other questions surfaced and the discussion returned to process, the problems with recruiting reviewers, and the open DOE position. The timing of reports will be critical. The CAEP Appeal hearing was September 17. CAEP will announce the results within ten days of the hearing. PSU received the CTE/DOE March review report on September 17 and will have two weeks to respond to any errors in accuracy. The CTE report is still in draft until it is fact checked by PSU and reviewed at a CTE meeting. As a point of process, CTE will need 2 responders to review the PSU report. Once again, the concern that there is no DOE rep during this process was raised.

It was noted that we are all here for the students who become teachers and for the kids who will be the students of those new teachers.

Co-chair Hoell volunteered, and Pat Corbett also offered to be responders for the PSU report.

Co-chair Hoell interjected that this was a very full and intense meeting and it would be best to end here. No other topics from the agenda were discussed. Meeting adjourned at 2:40PM.

Next Meeting Thursday October 18, 2018