

The Council on Teacher Education met at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, in Room 2444 Buzzard Hall.

Members present: Dr. Belleville, Dr. Binns, Dr. Campanis, Dr. Cavanaugh, Dr. Cloward, Dr. Dale, Dr. Edmonds-Behrend, Dr. Edwards, Dr. Jones, Dr. Lassak, Dr. New Freeland, Ms. Lewis, Ms. Moomey, Ms. Schleef, and Dr. Bower

Guests present: Ms. Dailey, Academic Advising and Dr. Poulter, College of Arts and Humanities

Staff present: Ms. Wilson

**I. Minutes**

The minutes from the February 9, 2010, meeting were approved.

(Dr. Lassak entered the meeting)

(Dr. Jones entered the meeting)

**II. Teacher Certification Update**

1. Dr. Bower provided a handout regarding the teacher certification changes that were discussed at the last COTE meeting (**See Attachment A**).

(Dr. Campanis entered the meeting)

**III. Items to be Added to the Agenda**

The following item was added to the agenda.

**1. 10-01 Proposed Revisions to Unit Assessment System**

Dr. New Freeland moved and Dr. Edwards seconded the motion to suspend the rules and act on the item at the same meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Items to be Acted Upon**

**1. 10-01 Proposed Revisions to Unit Assessment System**

Patty Poulter presented the proposal and answered questions of the Council. Dr. New Freeland moved and Dr. Binns seconded the motion to approve this proposal. The motion passed unanimously as amended.

There are two parts to this revision. The first part was approved, effective Spring 2010. The second part was approved, effective Fall 2010.

1. Remove the two initial **unit content area assessments** (assessed using Content Discipline Specific Rubric) from Unit Assessment System. Collection of this data should fall to the programs.
2. For programs other than ECE, ELE, and SPE, the **Unit/Lesson Plan Assessment** be moved to the (or one of the) Departmental Methods courses.

**V. Executive Director's Report**

1. Dr. Bower shared information on the AACTE Conference that was held last week in Atlanta.

The meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Bonnie Wilson, Recorder

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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 9, 2010**

**Room 2444 Buzzard Hall, 2-3:30 p.m.**

**Agenda: None at this time.**

**ATTACHMENT A****Teacher Certification Changes (February 2010)**Changes Approved

Effective Date – January, 2010

- 1) Placing a restriction of five attempts on each given certification test. Candidates would not have previous attempts counted towards this five attempt maximum.

Effective Date – September 2010

- 1) Raise the minimum passing scores on all sections of the Basic Skills Test and allow candidates the ability to re-take only the sections of the Basic Skills Test on which they did not reach the minimum passing scores.

Effective Date – February 1, 2012

- 1) Requires a grade of "C" or better for all professional educational coursework and content/discipline specific coursework required as part of an approved teacher education program and/or coursework used for any additional endorsements. This might require program/catalog changes.
- 2) Requires that the applicable content test be passed for all endorsements where there is a content test available. This removes the provision of granting additional endorsements based on completion of a major in the second field (previously defined as 32 sh in the field) without passing the content test.

Current/Upcoming Discussions - Teacher Certification Board

- 1) Revision of the Illinois Professional Teaching Standards
- 2) Increasing the hour requirements for middle school endorsements
- 3) Creating a single teaching certificate with grade level and content endorsements (as opposed to our current grade level certificates)
- 4) Require the APT for program completion

Program Specific Changes

- 1) Revisions to the requirements for the Safety and Driver Education endorsement. This will require revision EIU's coursework sequence. Effective February, 2012
- 2) Revision to the principal preparation requirements (moving from general administrative to principal endorsement). All programs preparing principals must redesign their programs and have these redesigned program approved by the Illinois State Teacher Certification Board.