

WACTE minutes - January 25-26, 2017

The group was welcomed and called to order by President Vinny Alfonso.

It was reported that among all of the groups (Certification Officers, Field Directors, Data Administrators, Deans and Directors) that 109 had registered for this meeting.

The group was welcomed by the Interim Dean of Education at Pacific Lutheran University, Dr. Terry Bergeson, and also by the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Raylinda Brown.

Bob Cooper, WACTE lobbyist, presented a legislative update. The focus of most of the legislation centers on McCleary and deciding how to fund the Supreme Court mandate. Many of the legislators have now come to admit that teacher pay is an issue and is contributing to the teacher shortage. Bob continues in discussion with Representative Pollett regarding legislation to address this shortage. The legislature has provided money for mentoring and scholarships and grants for student teachers through the Washington State Student Achievement Council. WACTE representatives have been involved in setting the guidelines for awarding these grants and scholarships. Representative Santos has asked the legislature to build on what they started last year in conjunction with these areas. WACTE is working to have the ERDC collect data rather than the PESB. The PESB is working with the legislature to move the definition of alternative routes from statute to rule. The From Time Immemorial curriculum must now be infused in all Washington/Northwest History courses. Representative McCaslin has introduced legislation regarding the TPEP.

The minutes from the WACTE October meeting were approved as written.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$65,000.00. This was down from the starting balance of \$71,000.00 due to a higher than usual cost for the fall meeting and the funding of an executive assistant. Jeremy Delamarter and Mindi Dieu volunteered to work with David Cherry on the budget and the fee structure for universities.

Molly Quick has volunteered to serve as the NTEP representative for WACTE. The topics continue to be tiered licensure, micro-credentialing, and indicator models. The theme at the meeting to be held in March in Oklahoma City will be "Problems of Practice." The funding for the group is depleted, so the March meeting will probably be the last meeting.

It was decided that a more formal process for admitting institutions to WACTE membership needs to be developed. The Executive Board will review this process. Terry Bergeson moved that Pierce College be admitted to WACTE since they met the qualifications set by AACTE. The vote was unanimous for acceptance of Pierce College into WACTE membership.

The data administrators reported that they support the ERDC as the data collectors and owners of the Schools of Education data. They are looking forward to a meeting with Jennifer Wallace and Cheryl Ricevuto in April to discuss data issues. A pre-meeting will be held in March to discuss issues including the definition of SES and how to collect this data.

The field directors discussed a job description for field directors. They also discussed the PESB's request for geographical dispersal of candidates. They are going to initiate a survey regarding emergency

certification in order to have a “sense” of the data. They discussed the elements needing to be communicated with district HR individuals. They also focused on the BEST training for mentors and video training of mentors. In addition, they talked about the traits and competencies that mentors should have. They also discussed the possibility of a survey on requirements for the vetting of university supervisors.

Certification officers at their meeting discussed pathway changes, ecert changes, legislative bills and, the teacher shortage. The officers thanked WACTE for setting up this meeting, and they look forward to more communication with OSPI and the PESB. Patti Larriva and Leslie Huff are the PESB contacts.

A task force will be created to decide what to do in the future regarding the legislative breakfast.

It was reported that the Deans and Directors voted to move forward with the ERDC conversation.

Regarding the WACTE strategic plan, members were encouraged to think about how we might move forward and perhaps the need to hire an outside firm.

The meeting was adjourned for the day to be followed by a social.

January 26, 2017

The meeting was called to order, and President Vinny Alfonso welcomed the group.

A panel on retention was presented by a principal, teacher, and two administrators representing three school districts in the Pacific Lutheran University area. Issues brought forth included: Principal as mentor vs. evaluator, university follow-up for its first year teachers, collaboration of universities with mentors, networking events with district and IHE’s, building resiliency, and IHE’s thinking about September experiences for their candidates.

Marty Brown and Joyce Hammer from the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges talked about the need for the MESA and Guided Pathway programs to have additional funding. The community colleges are looking at teaching as a meta-major with recruiting as with the MESA program. The 27 community colleges now have 81 BAS/BAN programs.

The BEST program through OSPI presented its mentoring program for practicing teachers. This program needs additional funding to be present in more school districts.

Jennifer Wallace presented the PESB legislative requests and also upcoming changes in staff. The PESB is working to expand alternative routes and is also working on adjusting educator pathways for endorsements.

The meeting was adjourned with the announcement that the next WACTE meeting would be April 26-27 at Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Washington. Information will follow for registration.

Respectfully submitted,

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