

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL ON TEACHER EDUCATION

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The Council on Teacher Education met at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2014, in Room 2444 Buzzard Hall.

Members present: Dr. Barnhart, Dr. Cloward, Dr. Edmonds-Behrend, Dr. Hunt, Dr. Larson, Dr. Lassak, Dr. Okrasinski, Dr. Ronspies, Dr. Swenson, Ms. Ericksen, Mr. Lawler, and Mr. Pruemmer

Guests present: Ms. Reed, Academic Advising

Staff present: Dr. Bower and Ms. Wilson

I. Announcements

1. Jay Lawler is the new student representative serving on COTE. He is representing the Department of Secondary Education and Foundations.
2. The CEPS Research Fair is will be held on February 24, 2014. Presenters must register by Thursday, February 13.
3. Nominations are being sought for Eastern's 2014 Faculty Laureate award. Information concerning the criteria and nomination process for the award is available at <http://castle.eiu.edu/acaffair/Laureate/laureate.pdf>.

II. Minutes

The minutes from the January 28, 2014, meeting were approved.

III. Communications

None.

IV. Items to be Added to the Agenda

The following item was added to the agenda. Voting will take place at the next meeting.

1. **14-02, MS in Ed. in Educational Leadership, Teacher Leader Endorsement**

V. Items to be Acted Upon

1. **14-01, Student Appeal (SA1)**

Dr. Lassak presented the appeal for the Student Appeal sub-committee and their recommendation to approve the appeal. Dr. Barnhart moved and Dr. Ronspies seconded the motion to accept the sub-committee recommendation and approve the appeal with specified conditions. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Bower will notify the student on behalf of the Council.

VI. Teacher Education Update/Executive Director's Report

1. Dr. Bower will be setting up a test course in LiveText with EdTPA loaded. If you would like to see how this looks, email Dr. Bower and he will add you to the test course.
2. Dr. Bower reported that there are two rule changes out for public comment and the comment period will close on February 18. The first proposed rule change is to remove the limit of five attempts for content-area tests so that students can take the test as many times as they want to in order to pass it. The second proposed rule change deals with the validity of test scores, which is currently ten years. The proposal will change this so that student teaching must occur within ten years of passing a given test.
3. Dr. Bower reported that the last paper and pencil version of many of the tests was given in February. To try to offset the increased cost of the computer-based tests, the ISBE will give institutions a set number of \$25 vouchers to distribute to students. We need to develop a policy on how to distribute the vouchers. Please email Dr. Bower with your ideas on how to distribute these vouchers.

The meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

Bonnie Wilson, Recorder

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING
Tuesday, February 25, 2014
Room 2444 Buzzard Hall, 2-3:30 p.m.

Agenda:

- 1. 14-02, MS in Ed. in Educational Leadership, Teacher Leader Endorsement**