



**Minutes from the MACTE Meeting  
September 09, 2016  
Room 311 MDE**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Rock.

**Members and others in attendance:** Robert Carr, Alcorn; Debbie Burson, Millsaps; Noal Cochran, William Carey; Jennifer Young-Wallace/Linnie Little, JSU; Tom Brady/Leslie Griffin DSU; Marty Hatton/Monica Riley, MUW; David Hand, Belhaven; Don Locke, Mississippi College; Donna Shea, MSU; David Rock, UM; Jenetta Waddell, Blue Mt.; Susan Lee, IHL representative.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved. The motion for approval was made by Dr. Locke; a second was made by Dr. Carr.

Treasurer's report was provided by Dr. Burson

Regarding the Treasurer's report, Dr. Rock explained that dues are based upon the number of program completers at each institution. The maximum amount has been \$500; however, some larger institutions may choose to pay more as MACTE is self-supporting. Two institutions paid \$750.

**IHL Update:**

Dr. Susan Lee shared that HELC has been reinstated. She will send reminders about upcoming meetings. Dr. Lee is working with MDE on several initiatives. Currently looking at licensure and certification. Additionally, Alternate Route program requirements are being reviewed. 2005 guidelines are still in effect.

EPP Program Review is being updated. The update should go into effect March 2017.

**Discussion about Fall Retreat:**

Dr. Rock shared the draft agenda and discussion followed. He mentioned that AACTE will be sending out legislative updates via email to all MACTE members.

**Discussion on Governor's Taskforce for Literacy:**

Taskforce is made of 3 subcommittees.

Dr. Rock and Dr. Brenner's committee has been reviewing program approval. Dr. Rock asked for data from MDE regarding licensure credentials for teachers teaching K-6. The result was a long list of licensure codes but endorsements were not easily identifiable. Concerns over teachers in grades 4-6. Cannot determine whether teacher was trained in an alternate route, traditional route, or TFA. Some TFA candidates are teaching K-3. MDE does not have the capability to parse out initial endorsements. The problem with this is in regard to who is teaching literacy and how were they trained. Mississippi IHLs prepare 50% or less of the teachers teaching K-3.

Would be helpful if MDE could identify initial licensure of teachers in K-3.

MDE must clean up licensure codes. We need common requirements across programs—increased requirements—not decreased. This sub-committee is recommending a separate agency for licensure.

Dr. Blackwell's sub-committee has been addressing the possibility of requiring a credential for faculty who teach Early Literacy I and II. Dr. Lee stated that credentialing of faculty will not be required. The

sub-committee will be recommending that the Legislature provide funding for EL I and II teachers to receive professional development.

**Other items:**

Dr. Hand brought up the concern over the new 15 hour minimum hours needed per semester for state financial aid. Belhaven's student teaching semester is 12 hours.

Dr. Griffin shared that institutions can request an exemption for the semester.

**Update on CAEP:**

Dr. Hand expressed that he has visited some very frustrated institutions.

Stevie Chepko has resigned effective 9/11/2016; however, it has been mentioned that Deb Eldridge will return to CAEP.

General consensus is that CAEP is in more transition than ever before, and the state should have serious conversations about joining CAEP.

Dr. Lee met with Stevie Chepko and she promised to send a person to Mississippi for CAEP training. This would begin on a Thursday and conclude on Saturday evening.

However, since Stevie's resignation there has been no further communication from CAEP.

CAEP would like some NBCT to serve on national teams.

Dr. Lee shared that NCLB summer institutes did get funding, around 900K. This will be last year.

Proposals due Nov. 11 by 12:00 noon. Everyone may apply, public or private.

13 were funded this year and they will look to fund 13 next year.

**MDE Update:**

Dr. Paula Vanderford plans to provide drafts of all documents being reviewed to MACTE members.

Alternate Route changes will be substantial.

Initial suggested recommendations include:

1. All programs will follow same requirements
2. Evaluation process will be enforced. Will be part of program approval/CAEP
3. TFA and CC will have the same
4. No provisional admission. Must be accepted based on statute.
5. 21 content hours required. Transcripts must be evaluated (grade requirement)
6. Change in legislation that will not allow Alternate Route endorsements for Elem Ed.
7. Elem. Educ. Alternate Route (4-6) would go away
8. Can teach grades 4 or 5 with secondary endorsement for departmentalized classrooms
9. Current 6 hours would go to 9 hours with an addition of SPED course as the 3<sup>rd</sup> course
10. New teacher practicum minimum of 44 hours to become professional development  
30 hours per semester of professional development  
150 total hours of face to face instruction or PD—mentoring and induction to total 150 hours.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Carr, it was seconded by Dr. Hand.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debra B. Burson  
MACTE Secretary