

MACTE Meeting
MDE, 3rd Floor Board Room
February 14, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President, Leslie Griffin. The agenda was distributed and was approved.

Minutes from the retreat and from the Nov. meeting were distributed for approval. Minutes were approved pending any technical errors/corrections that might be noted. All corrections were to be sent to the Secretary, Sandra Rasberry.

There was discussion held on the spring awards reception for student teacher interns. Options to improve attendance and to have student interns recognized by the legislature were discussed. Dr. Blackwell moved and Dr. Carr seconded that the MDE auditorium would be the location with the date and time set for April 4, 2:00 p.m. Members are encouraged to submit their candidate forms as soon as possible. Mailing information and suggestions for sending invitations to other guests were requested by Dr. Griffin. Each institution was encouraged to have people in attendance, especially the K-12 personnel.

Discussion was held on the legislative agenda for MACTE. Discussion was held with suggestions to have a capitol day sponsored by a senator or legislature and for MACTE Deans to be in attendance with recognition, and perhaps have meeting with education committee on current issues.

Action: a committee of Debbie Burson, Millsaps, Dr. Blackburn, MSU and Leon Howard, Rust will put together recommendations for the Legislative presence-if too late this year, recommendations for a time and activity for next session.

The bill passed last year on the requirements for admission to teacher education was discussed. Dr. Ann Blackwell noted that the focus groups made a formal recommendation to amend the bill with the technical recommendations were shared with the group. Dr. Buckley and Mrs. Neal brought a copy to the group to review. It added to the statement: 'No less than 2.75 on content coursework in the requested area of certification "or passing Praxis II scores at or above the national recommended score"' The decision on how each IHL would be handling the 2.75 and 21 ACT was discussed. The consensus was that we all needed to follow the same basic requirements so that procedures for candidates were clear. Most IHL's represented stated that they were already requiring the 2.75 – 3.0 for admittance to undergrad programs. GPA requirements for alternate route was again discussed with no clear directions yet decided on how MDE will ascertain the GPA on those candidates by Spring 2015. Hopefully, the focus groups and MDE will meet and make final recommendations on procedures for IHL's to follow. The elementary education alternate route was discussed as it will be the most difficult to determine. It would also be difficult for MAPQT to meet some of the requirements (3.0 on cohort's, etc.).

Dr. Griffin reminded everyone of the MAPE/PREP meeting on April 19, and encouraged others to support by sponsorships and attendance.

The next agenda item was a question on whether MACTE wanted to pursue having the interns listed in the MPE journal again this year. We may have some ad place left, Dr. Griffin will pursue. Group agreed that inclusion was a good idea for recognitions for the students and for MACTE.

Dr. Susan Lee gave an update on the dates she would be visiting various campuses, and offered to support efforts for current teachers; institutions were to contact her if they were interested in being a part. She mentioned the scheduled meeting times for training on the Common Core ELA and Math sections, encouraged IHL's to attend and register.

MDE updates were provided by Gail Gettis, Dr. Buckley and Mrs. Neal. The updates to the review of programs process will need to be finalized soon, new persons are needed to help with that to get the final report ready. Any IHL setting dates for visits from CAEP should clear them with IHL before you finalize with CAEP.

Reports were given on the stages for the teacher evaluation system. Some training and videos are available to use for training. These will align with the M-Star standards; MDE may be needing help in the scoring.

The new Title II Pass rates were discussed, noting that although the ETS score reports show a previous score as not passing, many of these students were admitted to program based on a lower previous score. This is making the pass rate lower for IHL's and for the state, especially in the area of Praxis I. MDE will review and try to see what can be done before sending in their report.

Questions were raised about how the IHL's would have access to data from the teacher evaluation process. Mrs. Neal assured us that we would be able to track teacher progress in the field back to the institution where training was received. This would help provide important data to schools of education on graduates in the field.

The question of how far had MDE progressed with the relationship of our state with CAEP, especially in the area of the use of SPA's. It was noted that the biggest areas SPA for elementary education has just recently pulled out. Also the association of AACTE with CAEP is still not clear how this organization will have input or influence in decisions or direction of CAEP. MDE said that they would keep us informed about the association with CAEP as those take place. MACTE would like to be involved as much as possible in this setting of the guidelines.

Dr. Griffin offered up for discussion the need for a nominating committee. We will need a President/Elect and a Secretary/Treasurer (Dr. Rasberry is retiring this year). Committee members appointed were: Dr. Pamela Russ, Tougaloo, Dr. Robert Carr, Alcorn and Mrs. Debbie Burson, Millsaps.

Dr. Griffin asked the group if they felt the AACTE grants which supported the retreats were helpful and if we wanted to pursue another one for next year. Feedback should go to Dr. Griffin or Dr. Blackbourn.

Dr. Griffin gave out snacks for traveling and the meeting was adjourned.

Attendance: Robert Carr, Alcorn; Debbie Burson, Millsaps; Sandra Rasberry, Belhaven; David Rock UM; Richard Blackbourn, MSU; David Hand, Belhaven; Leon Howard, Rust; Pamela Russ, Tougaloo; Leslie Griffin, DSU; Ann Blackwell, USM; Don Locke, Miss. College; Donald Wheelock, JSU; MDE – Daphane Buckley, Gail Gettis, Cerissa Neal; IHL – Susan Lee

Submitted: Sandra Rasberry, Secretary/Treasurer