



**Minutes from the MACTE Meeting
March 15, 2015
IHL Technology Room**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Richard Blackbourn, President. Dr. Blackbourn thanked Dr. Lee and Dr. Boyce for hosting the MACTE meeting and providing lunch.

Members present: Richard Blackbourn, MSU; Ann Blackwell, USM; Ben Burnett, William Carey; Debbie Burson, Millsaps; Lula Collier, Mississippi Valley; Leslie Griffin, DSU; David Hand, Belhaven; Leon Howard, Rust; Sue Jolly-Smith, MUW; Don Locke, Mississippi College; David Rock, UM; Janetta Waddell, Blue Mt. College; Daniel Watkins, JSU. Cerissa Neal MDE; Susan Lee, IHL

Approval of Minutes:

- Don Locke moved to approve the minutes from the November and January meetings; Sue Jolly-Smith seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

- Debbie Burson gave the treasurer's report for November 2014 through February 2015.

Updates from IHL presented by Dr. Susan Lee:

- Dr. Lee introduced Kim Gillespie, legislative liaison. Kim noted that legislative updates are available each Friday. She reported that the House Bill regarding distance education, SREB reciprocity agreement passed both houses.
- She noted that the legislative session is three weeks from ending on Sunday, April 5th and expects in the next three weeks a final State budget will be set.
- The dyslexia bill died.
- Contact Dr. Lee with questions.

MACTE Retreat:

- MACTE will request institutions to identify possible summer dates for the retreat. Currently, the plan is to meet for a day and a half.

Intern Recognition:

- Intern Reception will not occur this year. A request will be sent for each institution to submit their outstanding student intern's name. Plaques will be purchased by MACTE and presented at the May MACTE meeting.

CAEP Concerns:

- Dr. Jayroe shared concerns that were voiced at AACTE's meeting regarding the confidence in CAEP.
- MDE has hired Dr. Pam Felder to work on the redesign of State protocols.
- Dr. Lee noted that five institutions were waiting to have records audited.
- Dr. Rock noted that NCTQ wants additional information; however, the general consensus was that institutions in the state would not participate in the study.

MDE Updates Ms. Neal:

- Ms. Neal will request options if the State does not partner with CAEP.
- Request for a MACTE Task Force to make recommendations to MDE regarding how institutions are ensuring unit and candidate quality.
- Request for volunteers for State accreditation protocol development. Dr. Pam Felder is reviewing quality of education in Mississippi. Most common concern is the need to prepare all candidates to prepare special needs students.
- Title Reports are available for the last three years. These will be emailed to institutions.
- 21 on ACT for admission to programs and institutions should go back to requiring the 18 sub-score minimum.

There being no other items of business brought forward, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Blackburn.

Respectfully submitted: Debbie Burson, Secretary