



**Minutes from the MACTE Meeting  
IHL Conference Room  
September 3, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Richard Blackburn, President.

Members in attendance: Richard Blackburn, MSU; Debbie Burson, Millsaps; Ann Blackwell, USM; Ben Burnett, William Carey; Juetta Bingham, JSU; Robert Carr, Alcorn; Leslie Griffin, DSU; Martin Hatton, MUW; Leon Howard, Rust College; Don Locke, Miss. College; David Hand, Belhaven; Lula Collier, MSVU; David Rock, UM; Janetta Waddell, Blue Mt.; Susan Lee, IHL representative; Cerissa Neal, MDE.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved. Dr. Hand made the motion; Dr. Carr seconded the motion.

The treasurer's report was presented by Debbie Burson.

The Nominations Committee brought forth the nomination of Dr. David Rock for the position of President-elect to replace Dr. Sue Jolly-Smith upon her retirement. Debbie Burson made the motion, and Dr. Burnett seconded.

**IHL Updates and Discussions: Dr. Susan Lee**

- Dr. Lee requested information on how the new legislation has impacted number of students going into programs. Dr. Blackburn stated low enrollment is a national issue.
- Question was asked as to how IHLs are deriving the 44 core hours for admittance into Alternate Route programs. Dr. Blackwell shared that previously a task force had been formed to give input on 44 hours.
- Dr. Lee stated that an explicit statement about the 44 hours is needed. Specifically what constitutes the core 44 hours?
- Dr. Lee expressed thanks to Dr. Rock, Dr. Blackburn, and Dr. Burnett for attending the CAO Retreat.
- Discussion and conversation followed regarding high level of requirements for admittance into programs.
- Dr. Rock reminded everyone that only 58% of institutions preparing teachers were NCATE accredited. So far CAEP has 17 partner states. Some institutions without state partnerships still plan to seek CAEP accreditation.

## **MDE Updates and Discussions: Dr. Neal**

- A new 101 licensure for student interns will be implemented beginning spring 2016. This process will not add a new step to the existing licensure process. User guides and webinars will be available. Institutions may request training from MDE; sessions will be held at each institution
- Don Locke expressed concern about NCTQ. He sent an email to MACTE members from AACTE announcing that NCTQ will be reaching out to K-12 administrators to give recommendations on teacher preparation.
- A request was made to have Dr. Boyce send out a letter disavowing NCTQ's credibility.
- Dr. Lee stated that Dr. Boyce's letter can only be used to support the public IHLs.
- Dr. Blackburn suggested MACTE compose an official statement regarding concerns about NCTQ. He stated he would be attending MASA and encouraged all deans to reach out to superintendents and also attend the MASA meeting.
- Dr. Rock shared the following points:
  1. NCTQ uses open records requests to obtain data.
  2. Much of what they want is student data; these data are private.
  3. NCTQ is not state or federally funded—if you do not comply NCTQ will go around you.
  4. NCTQ has published inaccurate information and did not retract it.
- Many private funders have pulled funding from NCTQ.
- Karen Blanton can help with open records requests.

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

Respectfully submitted: Debbie Burson, Secretary/Treasurer