

Credential Counselors & Analysts of California

Highlights of the Commission

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Announcements and Acknowledgements

- The members of this year's Executive Committee were introduced.
- Due to the resignation of Jack Kinney, a new Vice Chair will need to be appointed.
- Leslie Peterson Schwarze was thanked for her term as Chair and presented with a plaque.
- Dale Janssen was recognized for his accomplishments as Interim Executive Director and was approved as the permanent Executive Director.

Action Items

Commission Policy Manual Changes were discussed and pages 24-29 were withdrawn at this time because an outdated draft was provided. Much of the discussion focused on the Executive Director's evaluation and the listing of the stakeholder groups. It was recommended that the Executive Director's evaluation take place on an annual basis and to retain the listing of the stakeholder groups.

April Meeting Date has been changed to April 25-26 due to conflicts in the original dates.

Participation of Ex-officios in Closed Session was approved by the Attorney General unless there is a conflict-of-interest. This will be included in the Policy Manual.

Proposed Amendments for Waivers were approved. These amendments will further simplify the process and allow everyone to be notified of the outcome quickly. For a more comprehensive look at the proposed changes and waiver process go to:

www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2007-02/2007-02-3A.pdf

Agreements that Exceed \$100,000. The contracts for CSET amendment #2 and credential system enhancements were approved.

Analyses of Bills. SB 52 would make several changes to the designated subjects vocational education credential. Passage of this would change the name to the Designated Subjects Career Technical Education (CTE) Teaching Credential, repeal the issuance of part-time CTE credentials, and require the CTC to create a list of authorized subjects. A Support position was recommended but the Commissioners felt more discussion should take place before approving this position.

Subject Matter Programs in Mathematics from CSU, San Bernardino and San Diego State University were approved. CSU, Fullerton will need to provide clarification since the summary provided did not relate to mathematics. The Commissioners expressed concern over the SMP process and status of the SMP matrices that were to be created for program submission. A request was made for a coded correspondence to be written so IHE's would be aware of the matrix requirement before submitting the document.

Informational Items and Presentations

Update on Proposed 2007-08 Governor's Budget. The upcoming budget year will be more positive and will fund critical positions needed to reduce the backlog in credential processing. Funding is also provided for continued development of the California Longitudinal Integrated Data Education System, expansion of career technical programs, and the creation of the Encorp Teachers Program. The Encorp program hopes to funnel retirees with a background in subject expertise related to math, science or career technical education into teaching. A summary of the 2007-08 Commission budget can be viewed at: www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2007-02/2007-02-4A.pdf

Combining the Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA) and the Teaching Performance Assessment (TPA). A comparison between these two assessments has been done and it reveals that it would be problematic to combine these two assessments. One issue is not all teaching credentials require the RICA exam. The public comments from groups such as the California Teachers Association are not in support of eliminating the RICA as it is felt that it has a positive impact on California's reading standards. A report will be prepared for the April CTC meeting.

Presentation on "California's Teaching Force: Key Issues and Trends, 2006". The Center for the Future of Teaching and Learning presented this report which found that a number of credential changes have reduced the number of under-prepared teachers. The report also cautioned that teacher shortages may increase as a large number of teachers retire and enrollment in teacher preparation programs goes down. This report can be viewed at: www.cftl.org/publications_latest.php.

The Commission on Teacher Credentialing has a new logo and brochure that will be distributed to legislators and interest groups to highlight the functions of the CTC.

The Legislative Process was presented to describe the Commission's role in the process and its legislative guidelines. A demonstration was also provided on how to get information on a bill and/or sign up to follow a bill. This can be done at the California Legislative Information web site: www.leginfo.ca.gov.

Update on Other Legislative Items of Interest. SB 43 would bring back the Governor's Teaching Fellowships to be administered by the California State University. SB 44 would create the California Teacher Cadet Program to promote the teaching profession to secondary students. It would also fund grants for professional development schools for teacher education.

Teaching Performance Assessment Update. The CA TPA design has four individual tasks that are scored separately. A revised passing score for Tasks Two, Three, and Four has been recommended but Task One's usefulness is in question. The staff will present more about the CA TPA in March. To review the various training schedules associated with the TPA and its implementation go to:

www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2007-02/2007-02-6B.pdf

Special Education District Intern Program. A presentation was made on the effectiveness of this program and a request to drop the sunset date of January 1, 2008, was approved.

Selection Process for the Committee on Accreditation. The selection process for new members for the 2007-08 Committee on Accreditation (COA) calls for a four-member nominating panel to review and select the most qualified applicants. The nominating panel is composed of four educators--two appointed by the Commission and two appointed by the COA. The Commission will interview the finalists and select the new members prior to July 1, 2007. There will be three vacancies for 2007-08.

SB 2042 Update was deferred to March Commission meeting.