

## COUNCIL ON TEACHER EDUCATION

Thursday; December 10, 2015  
3:30 p.m.  
Administration Building, Room 310

The meeting was called to order by Joseph Haughey, Chairperson, with the following members present: Jill Baker, Sue Wood for Summer Christiansen, Greg Haddock, Cheryl Malm, Shannon Nolte, Joyce Piveral, Stuart Robinson, Baylee Scarbrough, Michele Veasey, Robert Voss, Jennifer Wall, and Nancy Zelif. The following members were absent: Leslie Galbreath, Ex Officio for Owens Library; Mike McBride, Ex Officio for TESS; Gina McNeese, College of Education and Human Services; and Tim Wall, College of Education and Human Services. Public school representatives Heidi Beatty and Tricia Knowles were unable to attend. Ashley Davis-Black was also present.

### P-12 School Representatives Reports/Updates

Shannon Nolte reported that Margie Vandeven, Commissioner of Education, was in attendance at the superintendents' meeting today. The House in Washington passed a bipartisan K-12 education bill that replaces No Child Left Behind and significantly shifts authority over the nation's public schools from the federal government to states and local school districts.

Ms. Baker moved to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2015, meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jenni Wall and unanimously approved.

Dr. Zelif moved, seconded by Ms. Baker, to approve the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Jenni Wall moved, seconded by Dr. Zelif, to approve Proposal 115-10-07, Change in English Education Programs, English Comprehensive Major, English Major, English Minor, and Middle School Language Arts Concentration. There was discussion about the changes in coursework that are proposed in the English/Language Arts programs. The motion was unanimously approved.

The by-laws of COTE need to be revised to align with the University structure and with Faculty Senate. A committee will be formed in the spring to address this. There may need to be some consideration in the by-laws for expedited proposals. Proposal 115-17-06, Deletion of Selected Math Skills Courses and Change in Prerequisites to Other Math Courses, was expedited in December. The current by-laws of COTE will be provided to the members.

### Director of Teacher Education Report

Dr. Piveral explained that a diversity plan was developed in 2009. A progress report was provided of the actions that had been taken since 2009. This will be provided as an artifact for the focus visit that will be conducted in March 2016.

The meeting was adjourned.

  
Joyce Piveral, Executive Secretary