

**Minutes of Alabama Association of Colleges for Teacher Education**

**Fall 2012**

**October 15-16, 2012**

**Meeting Title:** Alabama Association of Colleges for Teacher Education

Deans' Luncheon, Executive Committee Meeting, and General Business Meeting

**Meeting Date and Time:** Monday, October 15, 2012, Noon until 5:30 PM

**Meeting Location:**

230 Taylor Center  
Auburn University at Montgomery  
7440 East Drive #17  
Montgomery, Alabama

**Members Present:**

John B. Hammett, Jacksonville State University  
Jendia Grissett, Faulkner University  
Gwen McCorquodale, Judson College  
Louanne Jacobs, Birmingham-Southern College  
Kathy Chandler, University of West Alabama  
Richard Hayes, University of South Alabama  
Susan Villaume, Auburn University  
Celia Rudolph, Huntingdon College  
Jeanie Box, Samford University

**Meeting Called By:** ALACTE Executive Committee

**Type of Meeting:** Discussion

**Facilitator:** Dr. John Hammett

**Agenda Topics:**

Deans' Luncheon: Issues of Concern Regarding ALSDE Teacher Education Regulations

**Discussion:**

Following Dr. Hammett's welcome to members of the Executive Board and representatives from IHEs to the Deans' Luncheon, Dr. Hammett asked Dr. Susan Villaume to summarize for the group the Executive Board's meeting with Dr. Bice and Ms. Sherrill Parris, held on

September 21, 2012. Dr. Villaume led the discussion of points contained from the document titled, Issues of Concern Regarding ALSDE Teacher Education Regulations, dated 10-10-2012 (Attachment A).

**Action Item(s):**

As an outcome of the discussion, Dr. Hammett asked the group to send to him a “short list” of concerns regarding ALSDE Teacher Education Regulations. He will compile the list, forward it to ALACTE members for review, and then send the list to Dr. Bice for his review. Dr. Hammett asked that IHEs forward suggestions by November 1, 2012.

**Closing Remarks:**

The Executive Board Committee expressed gratitude for the recent opportunity to engage in a frank discussion with Dr. Bice and Ms. Parris about issues and concerns regarding regulations, and anticipated that the afternoon session of ALACTE would lead to open dialogue among all.

**Meeting Title:** Alabama Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, General Session for Members of ALACTE

**Meeting Date and Time:** Monday, October 15, 2012, 2:00-5:30 P. M.

**Meeting Location:**

230 Taylor Center  
Auburn University at Montgomery  
7440 East Drive #17  
Montgomery, Alabama

**Members Present:** 26 of the 27 institutions had members present for the meeting

**Meeting Called By:** ALACTE Executive Committee

**Type of Meeting:** ALACTE Fall 2012 Business Meeting

**Facilitator:** Dr. John Hammett

**Agenda Topics:**

Dr. John Hammett, President, ALACTE, welcomed members to the afternoon session and provided an overview of the planned agenda for the day:

1. Presentation: Transforming Tennessee's Teacher Education Programs, Dr. Kandi Hill-Clarke, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, TN Board of Regents
2. Small Group Discussion on Clinically-Based Programs
3. ALSDE with Dr. Bice, State Superintendent of Education, Ms. Sherrill Parris, Deputy State Superintendent of Education, Division of Teaching and Learning, and Dr. Jayne Meyer, Director, Office of Teaching and Leading.

Prior to beginning the session with Dr. Kandi Hill-Clarke, Dr. Hammett thanked Dr. Lynn Mills for her help in organizing the meeting space on the campus of Auburn University at Montgomery. Dr. Hammett asked Dr. Susan Villiaum to introduce the speaker to the membership.

**Discussion:**

1. Dr. Kandi Hill-Clarke delivered an address about the "journey" of reexamination of policy relationships within Tennessee to National Professional Associations. Many factors provided a catalyst for change in Tennessee. Dr. Hill-Clarke stated that a concerted effort was made to press forward to move from compliance to innovation and from being reactive to proactive. In various PowerPoint slides, Dr. Hill-Clarke outlined

Tennessee's "Ready 2 Teach" program's vision and mission. In her concluding remarks, Dr. Hill-Clarke challenged the members to consider:

- What do we want for children in Alabama?
- What's working and what's not?
- How do we get there?
- Move from "but" to "and"
- From conversation to implementation

2. After the address, the ALACTE members engaged in discussions with Alabama State Department of Education representatives, Ms. Sherrill Parris, and Dr. Jayne Meyer. Dr. Hammett asked members to address concerns and/or issues regarding regulations by ALSDE. Dr. Jim McLean stated that three major issues were of concern to the group: (1) lead time for new required Praxis examinations, (2) the increasing number of tests required for certification, and (3) lack of collaboration with IHEs in determining the role of the tests. Dr. Meyer asked Dr. Cory Murphy to provide a timeline of test implementation and of the role of the institutions in the process. After a brief discussion, Dr. Meyer stated "that we are now where other states are in regard to testing of teacher candidates."

**Action Item(s):**

None

**Closing Remarks:**

Dr. Hammett thanked the membership, Dr. Murphy, Dr. Meyer, and Ms. Parris for their attendance and remarks.

**Meeting Title:** Alabama Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, General Session for Members of ALACTE

**Meeting Date and Time:** Tuesday, October 16, 2012, 8:30 AM -12:15 PM

**Meeting Location:**

230 Taylor Center  
Auburn University at Montgomery  
7440 East Drive #17  
Montgomery, Alabama

**Members Present:** 26 of the 27 institutions had members present for the meeting

**Meeting Called By:** ALACTE Executive Committee

**Type of Meeting:** ALACTE Fall 2012 Business Meeting

**Facilitator:** Dr. John Hammett

**Agenda Topics:**

1. GlobalScholar Presentation
2. Business Meeting

**Discussion:**

1. ALACTE President, Dr. John Hammett, welcomed members to the meeting and presented plaques of appreciation for service to Dr. Jim McLean, Dr. Jean Ann Box, and Dr. Anna McEwan for their leadership roles in ALACTE. Dr. Hammett also noted that flowers were being delivered as the group met to Ms. Peggy Chappel in appreciation for her service to ALACTE. Dr. Hammett introduced the morning presenters associated with GlobalScholar, Ms. Jennifer Colton, Sr. Manager, Implementation Projects, Dr. Larry Ewing, Sr. Project Manager, and Ms. Tracey Jackson, ALSDE Project Manager. GlobalScholar features computer adaptive, multiple-choice assessments for math, reading, language arts, and life science. The items are aligned to CCRS, Alabama State Standards, and ACT Readiness Standards in Grades K-12 for both math and reading, and Grades 2-8 in language arts and life science. GlobalScholar information is available in the ALSDE Differentiated Support Plan.
2. The Treasurer's Report was provided by Dr. Louanne Jacobs. The itemized list of income and expenditures for the checking and savings accounts is posted on the ALACTE web site. Dr. Hammett noted the "healthy" closing balance of the checking account as of 10-16-12 and asked members to submit suggestions for funding of projects to him.

**Action Item(s):**

The spring meeting for ALACTE will be April 15-16, 2013.

Members were invited to participate in “State-Level Assessment Data for NCATE Partnership” discussion that followed the meeting.

**Closing Remarks:**

Dr. Hammett thanked the membership for their attendance at the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.