

Alabama Association of Colleges for Teacher Education

Fall 2013

October 7-8, 2013

Minutes

Meeting Title: Alabama Association of Colleges for Teacher Education

Deans' Luncheon,

Meeting Date and Time: Monday, October 7, 2013, Noon

Meeting Location:

Library Tower 10th Floor
East Room
Auburn University Montgomery
Montgomery, Alabama

Members or Representatives Present: Deans' Luncheon

John B. Hammett, Jacksonville State University
Gwen McCorquodale, Judson College
Louanne Jacobs, Birmingham-Southern College
Kathy Chandler, University of West Alabama
Susan Villaume, Auburn University
Carlton Morris, Tuskegee University
Jeanie Box, Samford University
Charlie Gibbons, Alabama State University
Shelia Austin, Auburn University Montgomery
Celia Rudolph, Huntingdon College
Tammy Brown, Faulkner University
Lori Aultman, Spring Hill College
Anna McEwan, University of Montevallo
Linda Bradford, Stillman College
Lisa Long, Talladega College
Deborah Voltz, University of Alabama in Birmingham
Beth Quick, University of Alabama Huntsville
Donna Lefort, University of North Alabama
Richard Hayes, University of South Alabama
Peter Hlebowitsh, University of Alabama
Kathy Hildebrand, Troy University
James Mbyirukira, Oakwood College

Meeting Called By: ALACTE Executive Committee

Type of Meeting: Open Forum

Facilitator: Dr. John Hammett

Agenda Topics:

Clinical Educator Preparation and Partnerships in Alabama by Alabama Alliance Advisory Committee

Discussion:

Following the welcome by Dr. Hammett, Dr. Susan Villaume led the deans through a summary of the July ALACTE meeting regarding Clinical Educator Preparation and Partnerships in Alabama by Alabama Alliance Advisory Committee. At the summer meeting, members of ALACTE recommended that the organization sponsor a state-wide meeting for higher education faculty which would be followed by regular regional meetings with higher education faculty and school partners. A follow-up meeting was held on September 9, 2013 with 13 participants. (Attached is the worksheet that Dr. Villaume provided to the deans for discussion.)

Dr. Villaume stated that the Alabama Alliance Advisory Committee is a “supportive group that can evolve to support the state to move to clinically rich educator preparation and partnerships. After a brief discussion, Dr. Villaume made a motion to continue the partnership with the Alliance. Dr. Alethea Hampton seconded the motion. It was approved.

Dr. Villaume asked the group to consider the following questions as we move forward:

1. How many participants per IHE should be invited to participate?
2. How will funding for the meeting and for lunch be addressed?
3. Who are possible keynote speakers for the meeting?

A discussion followed each question. Dr. Hammett stated that the Executive Board would consider the cost in the meeting to follow. It was decided that 10 participants per IHE would be sufficient. Several keynote speakers were suggested by the group.

Action Item(s):

Dr. Hammett stated that Dr. Villaume had resigned as Chair of the Alliance and expressed his gratitude for her leadership in this “important work in our state.” Due to Dr. Villaume’s resignation, a motion was made to nominate co-chairs for the Alliance. Dr. Alethea Hampton made a motion that Dr. Lynne Mills and Dr. Jason Wingate serve in this capacity. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jean Ann Box. All members approved.

Closing Remarks:

Dr. Hammett thanked the deans for their attendance at the meeting and their active participation in expressing comments and concerns.

Meeting Title: Executive Board Meeting

Meeting Date and Time: Monday, October 7, 2013, 1:00 in the afternoon

Meeting Location: Library Tower 10th Floor East Room
Auburn University Montgomery
Montgomery, Alabama

Members Present:

John B. Hammett, President
Kathy Chandler, President-Elect
Gwen McCorquodale, Secretary
Louanne C. Jacobs, Treasure
Jean A. Box, Past President
Carlton Morris
Richard L. Hayes
Susan Villaume
Celia Rudolph

Meeting Called By: President of ALACTE, John Hammett

Facilitator: Dr. John Hammett

Agenda Topics:

Praxis Information

Dr. Hammett provided Survey Results on Praxis II Policies for Alabama IHE (Survey attached).
Dr. Richard Hayes noted that simple polls related to topics of interest provide data that is beneficial to all. Dr. Hayes suggested that the group continue to conduct informational surveys.

Budget Items

Dr. Hammett noted that although there was over \$40,000 in the budget that registration fees should remain the same for IHEs. The group agreed that future plans may require “pulling from this hefty budget quite dramatically.”

Discussion

The group then moved forward to a discussion of edTPA. Dr. Beth Quick stated that edTPA is a preservice assessment process designed by educators to answer the essential question: "Is a new teacher ready for the job?" edTPA includes a review of a teacher candidate's authentic teaching

materials as the culmination of a teaching and learning process that documents and demonstrates each candidate's ability to effectively teach his/her subject matter to all students. Dr. Quick noted that in Tennessee there were issues related to technology and to time lag in receiving scores. Therefore, she urged the group not to link this assessment process to program completion requirements.

Dr. Kozlowski stated that the assessment has the possibility to showcase richness of performance-based assessments in programs and to bring uniformity across institutions. Dr. Villaume stressed that external review is important in evaluation of teacher candidate performance and this is a push in edTPA. Dr. Hlebowitsh said, “the tenor of times is moving away from teacher education programs and this is one way to show strengths of our programs.”

Meeting Title: Meeting Date and Time:

Alabama Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, General Session for Members of ALACTE

Date: Monday, October 7, 2013, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Location Library Tower 10th Floor East Room
Auburn University Montgomery
Montgomery, Alabama

Members Present: 27 of the 27 Institutions Participating

Type of Meeting: ALACTE Fall 2013 General Session

Facilitator: Dr. John Hammett

Agenda Topics:

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

1. Technology Initiatives-Problem-Based Learning, GEMS-U, and ALEX
2. Clinically Rich Educator Preparation and Partnerships – *Dr. Susan Villaume*
3. Judson and Perry County Literacy Partnership – *Dr. Gwen McCorquodale and Superintendent, John Heard, III*
4. Educator Testing – *Dr. Jendia Grissett*
5. Revision of ALSDE Program Review Process – *Dr. Anna Kozlowski*

Prior to beginning the general session, Dr. Hammett thanked Dr. Lynn Mills for her help in organizing the meeting space on the campus of Auburn University at Montgomery.

Presentation:

Technology Initiatives- Problem-Based Learning

Ms. Hailey Ridgeway, Dr. Katie Kennedy, and Dr. Kathy Roulston delivered an address to the group of *Rethinking Teaching and Learning in Alabama Schools: Envisioning Project-Based*

Learning. The presentation is available as an attachment to the minutes. To learn more about project-based learning access www.bie.org

Ms. Ridgeway asked the group to send ways that “ALEX enhance efforts in teacher preparation programs to her at <http://bitily/19uiQQX>

Clinically Rich Educator Preparation and Partnerships

Dr. Susan Villaume’s address and the handouts that describe the work of the group are attached to the website.

Judson College and Perry County Literacy Partnership

Dr. Gwen McCorquodale, Head of Department of Education at Judson College, and Mr. John Heard, III, Superintendent of Perry County Schools and recently elected President of Alabama Superintendents Association, gave information about a literacy project that raised over \$7,300 for books to benefit children and schools in Perry County.

Educator Testing

Dr. Jendia Grissett reported that there are no new exit/pass scores for teacher testing. Three changes have occurred since the last meeting. These are in Family Services, Sociology, and Agriculture.

Revision of ALSDE Program Review Process

Dr. Anna Kozlowski reminded the group that the submission date for the revision of ALSDE Program Review Process is June 1, 2014.

Meeting Title:

Alabama Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, General Session for Members of ALACTE

Meeting Date and Time: Tuesday, October 8, 2013, 8:30 AM -12:15 PM

Meeting Location:

Library Tower 10th Floor
East Room
Auburn University Montgomery
Montgomery, Alabama

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

Meeting Called By: ALACTE Executive Committee

Type of Meeting: ALACTE Fall 2013 General Session

Facilitator: Dr. John Hammett

Agenda Topics:

1. Superintendent Update – *Dr. Tommy Bice*
2. CAEP Standards and Accreditation Process – *Dr. Patty Garvin*
3. Business Meeting

Discussion:**Dr. Bice's Update to the Group**

With Plan 2020, the challenge for several years will be implementing College and Career Readiness. This new assessment system requires teacher education programs to address the changes with this new paradigm shift. The changes stand on four pillars:

- I. Learners – “We will focus on continuous improvement/progress for every child.”
- II. Support System- “What are barriers to learning? We must work to remove these.”
- III. Professionals – “We need capable leaders/teachers to move needle forward in learning.”
- IV. Schools and School Systems- “We are telling our school districts that budgets can be flexible to push innovation, creativity to doing school.”

Dr. Bice continued the presentation by stating, “There are “a lot of spinning plates at ALSDE, and we have an eight-year plan. We will stick to this plan to move student learning forward.”

Dr. Hammett asked Dr. Bice, “You talked about higher education and schools coming together. What are you doing to promote this?” Dr. Bice responded, “We are telling it everywhere. Partnerships are invaluable.”

Dr. Patty Garvin

Education Preparation Providers: Planning for CAEP Accreditation: Philosophies and Priorities

To access Dr. Garvin’s address go to the following website:

<http://caepnet.org/accreditation/standards>

On-site visits in 2016 will use CAEP standards. If you wish to go through CAEP, contact Dr. Garvin.

Dr. Jayne Meyer began her remarks by thanking Dr. Bice for his address to the group. She stressed that ALSDE cannot “over emphasize partnerships. Dr. Meyer also expressed thanks to Dr. Patty Garvin for her remarks, and said that CAPE is “another opportunity for growth, and we will rally and work together as we share information.”

Dr. Meyer asked for questions or concerns.

Closing Remarks:

Dr. Hammett asked for the Treasurer’s Report. Dr. Louanne Jacobs presented the report for approval. Dr. Hammett made a motion to approve the report and it was seconded by Carlton Morris and approved by the group.

Dr. Hammett noted that the minutes of the July 2103 meeting were posted on the website. He asked if there were corrections to be made or discussed. Dr. Kathy Chandler made a motion that the minutes be approved and Dr. Alethea Hampton seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by all.

Dr. Kathy Chandler announced that the next ALACTE meeting is set for April 21 -22, 2014.

Dr. Hammett gave words of appreciation to Dr. Kathy Chandler for her work in planning the October 2013 meeting and to Dr. Lynne Mills for making the arrangements at Auburn University Montgomery. He then expressed his appreciation to AUM for hosting the group.