

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD
Black Hall, Room 228-7
February 2, 2009

1. **ATTENDING:** Connie Lambert (CEPS, chair), Marji Morgan (CAH), Kirk Johnson (COTS), Jim DePaepe (OREA)
2. **MEETING CONVENED:** 9:06am
3. **CHANGES TO AGENDA:** None
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes were approved
5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - CTL Diversity Committee

At the last Executive Board meeting the topic of diversity was discussed. There were two ideas suggested at the meeting, an online course and a workshop. After the meeting, Jim and Connie attended the CTL Diversity and Equity Committee meeting to speak with the members. The committee went over the focused visit, the elements of the standards, EDF 507 (as a required course for all CTL graduate programs), the survey and matrix that they are putting together, and the suggestions put forth by the Executive Board.

 - CTL Executive Board Ideas
 - The CTL Diversity Committee was not in favor of the online course and decided to table the workshop idea until after the survey data is gathered.
 - EDF 507 (3 credit course)
 - The CTL Diversity Committee would like to see EDF 507 be a required course for all CTL graduate programs. This course would be a huge step to reaching our goals regarding the diversity standard. The two biggest concerns with this requirement would be in getting everyone to agree to it, and to have it implemented by spring. The other problem would be having time to collect the data; students would have to have already gone through the course before data could be collected. If the course was implemented however, it would at least be a show of good faith that we are working on a solution. This idea was first presented in 2004, but was never implemented. It was decided that EDF 507 would be looked at further and discussed at the next CTL Executive Board meeting, along with other alternatives to the course (ex: the multicultural course in Psych). Another thing to think about is the cost of adding this course to the program when we are in a potential budget crisis.
 - Verizon Foundation Grant
 - It was announced that Cory Gann was working on a Verizon Foundation grant for increasing cohort ethnic diversity, which will help with element 4c.
 - Survey and Matrix
 - Half of the committee is working on the survey and half on the matrix. When the data is received back from these two sources we will have a better idea on how to enhance our field experience and curriculum. Jim will be sending the survey out soon. The matrix will be sent out to all endorsement areas. The matrix and survey will be back on February 27, 2009 and will be added to the next agenda.

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6. OLD BUSINESS:

- Award Winners
 - We have received three positive responses back from the award winners. Mike O'Donnell, Susan Johnson, and Brian Hagbo will be attending the panel. There needs to be a follow-up with Amber Farthing to make sure that the previous email was received. There was a discussion on whether there should be a dinner afterward, or refreshments served in the foyer following the panel. It was decided that there should be video of the panel so that it could be streamed on the CTL website and maybe on the Admissions website as well. There was also a discussion regarding media coverage and the board members decided to invite the Daily Record and The Observer to cover the panel. There should be some type of plaque awarded to the winners in recognition.
- Up-date of the Basic Education Task Force – a bill is in progress
 - There is currently a bill in progress (bill 1410), as of mid-January, that if passed will greatly affect our graduate programs. They propose that the salary boost for a masters degree be eliminated. The reason this bill is receiving positive feedback from teachers is that 90% of the bill is based on getting teachers more money. Starting salaries could be equal throughout the state. However, it's the controversial aspects of the bill that are being overlooked. WACTE responded to each aspect of the bill, they went section to section and commented. WACTE has 22 colleges in the State working on it (along with Jim). They believe that some parts are good, but that other parts need to be pointed out as problems. During discussion there was a general concern that because the bill is being pushed through so fast there are a lot of people that are unaware of it. Connie mentioned that some local administrators she talked to knew nothing about the bill. People from rural areas might not have information on this bill. Jim stated that we have now done everything that we can do and we now have to wait and see if the bill passes. The bill has a lot of traction, but right now there are no dollars attached to it. The funding might not be there. If the bill does pass there is a built in cushion regarding when funding needs to be in place.
- NCATE
 - We are still scheduled for October 25-27, 2009. There are going to be a couple of trial virtual visits this spring. If the trial virtual visits go well we will be able to have a virtual visit in October. A virtual visit would save a great deal of money; it costs about \$10,000 for a site visit. Other schools are talking about doing away with NCATE accreditation because of budget constraints, so NCATE is welcoming Jim's idea of the virtual visit. Pulling out of NCATE now is not an option for Central because of the scheduled focused visit, but maybe it could be an option in the future. There was a discussion on the alignment of the states standards and the NCATE standards. With the new changes to Standard 5, the two are not aligned. It would be nice if the state team and NCATE could come together and look at one set of standards.

7. ADJOURNED: Meeting was adjourned at 9:55am