



**Minutes from the MACTE Meeting  
1st Floor MDE Room 102  
May 2, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Leslie Griffin, President. The agenda was distributed and approved.

Minutes from the last meeting were distributed and approved.

Members in attendance: Richard Blackbourn, MSU; Ann Blackwell, USM; Debbie Burson, Millsaps; Leslie Griffin, DSU; Sue Jolly-Smith, MUW; Don Locke, Miss. College; Sandra Raspberry, Belhaven; Pamela Russ, Tougaloo; Donald Wheelock, JSU.  
Cerissa Neal, MDE representative and Dr. Susan Lee, IHL representative

**Treasurer's report presented by Dr. Raspberry:**

- Funds in the amount of 1,125.00 were expended for expenses to cover the cost of the teacher intern reception which was held at MDE in April. Deposits included funds from MPE in the amount of 1,000.00 in support of the reception for teacher interns and 2,000.00 was deposited from dues. Dr. Raspberry reported approximately 14,000.00 in the MACTE account at the present.
- Discussion followed on how funds might be utilized to further the goals of MACTE.
- Funds have been approved for a MACTE web-site to be developed.

**Updates from MDE presented by Ms. Cerissa Neal:**

- PARCC update- PARCC assessments will not be used beyond 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Mississippi is still a governing state and IHL is not pulling out of PARCC. We are to expect changes in how the assessments will look for Mississippi.
- Changes at MDE- Numerous changes in personnel have occurred at MDE. As a result Gail Gettis is no longer with MDE. The department is in transition as new personnel are being hired.
- Legislative updates- Alternate Route Admittance contingent upon ACT has been presented to the Attorney General for feedback
- CORE score results- Ms. Neal is in communication with ETS about scores. She opposes a request to lower the cut score. Institutions are urged to monitor score reports.
- A proposal to fund the cost for professors to take the CORE test to aid in their ability to provide appropriate preparation for the test is being discussed.
- Beginning September, 2015, Elementary Education majors will be required to pass a Praxis II examination for reading. It was suggested that institutions check the MDE website for legislative updates. \*\*Mississippi Reading Panel- Angela Rutherford is on the panel.
- CAEP- State protocols have expired. An Atlanta consultant is working with MDE on the process. A draft will be brought forward. MDE is looking at the Process and

Performance Review (PPR) as it relates to CAEP. All mid-cycle and annual reviews will continue as scheduled. Institutions should send Ms. Neal updates on where each is in its cycle for accreditation.

- There is a need for training for reviewers for PPR as well as for CAEP.
- An emergency Commission meeting for voting only will be held May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**Updates from IHL presented by Dr. Susan Lee:**

- Funds are available to assist institutions with aligning courses to CCSS. Contact Dr. Lee for information.
- Dr. Hilpert is Interim Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs.
- Belhaven had an excellent state visit. Kudos to Dr. Barry Morris from William Carey who filled in for the state representative.

**Nominations committee report:**

- Debbie Burson presented the slate of officers. The slate was approved. Dr. Sue Jolly-Smith will serve as President-elect and Debbie Burson will serve as Secretary/Treasurer.

**Update on the Governor's K-3 Reading Workgroup presented by Dr. Leslie Griffin:**

- Discussion is ongoing regarding a possible 5<sup>th</sup> year internship. The goal being a residency type program that might be a pathway to National Board certification during first year of teaching.
- Proposal on the table that Early Literacy I and II will be a component of PPR
- Governor is investigating the possibility of a pilot site for a school with all teachers being National Board Certified.
- There has been a drop-off of the number of candidates applying for National Board certification—discussion as to MDE providing reimbursement to candidates for completing this process has been considered.
- Title II funds cannot be used for National Board certification.

**Special recognition of Dr. Sandra Rasberry:**

- For her years of service and dedication to MACTE, Dr. Rasberry was presented with a plaque and a plant by Dr. Griffin.

**Future business items included:**

- Notice was given that Trecina Green would be sending information regarding the June 6<sup>th</sup> LETRS training.
- Dr. Griffin is seeking proposals for a group presentation for the upcoming AACTE meeting to be held in Atlanta.

There being no other items of business brought forward, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Griffin. Respectfully submitted: Debbie Burson, Secretary/Treasurer