



**Minutes from the MACTE Meeting
MDE Room 102
November 7, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Richard Blackburn, President. Dr. Blackburn expressed his gratitude for MACTE's memorial gift in honor of his father.

Minutes from the last meeting were distributed. Dr. Blackburn called for a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was made by Dr. Don Locke and seconded by Dr. Robert Carr.

Members in attendance: Ben Burnett, William Carey; Richard Blackburn, MSU; Debbie Burson, Millsaps; Ann Blackwell, USM; Robert Carr, Alcorn; Leslie Griffin, DSU; David Hand, Belhaven; Sue Jolly-Smith, MUW; Don Locke/Cindy Melton, Miss. College; David Rock, UM; Pamela Russ, Tougaloo College; Janetta Waddell, Blue Mt. College; Minnie Little, JSU; Cerissa Neal, MDE; Susan Lee and Glen Boyce, IHL representatives

Treasurer's report presented by Debbie Burson:

- September 01, 2014 opening balance was noted to be 13,372.71
- Funds in the amount of 1,000.00 were expended for MAPE dinner honoring Dr. Bounds.
- Credits in the amount of 3,450.00 for dues were posted.
- September 30, 2014 closing balance was noted to be 15,822.71

- October 01, 2014 opening balance was noted to be 15,822.71
- Funds in the amount of 100.00 were expended for the memorial gift for Dr. Blackburn's father.
- Credits in the amount of 1,000.00 for dues were posted.
- October 31, 2014 closing balance was noted to be 16,722.71

Updates from MDE:

- Dr. Kim Benton introduced Nathan Oakley, Director of Elementary/Early Childhood and Literacy training. He explained rolling out of literacy training for in-service training for LETRS—also offered for IHL. A second round of training for those who did not participate initially can be trained in May/June. Also available to IHL faculty. Available to student teachers free of charge.
- Cerissa spoke about the need for state protocols for accreditation. She attended the DC meeting for CAEP. Lots of work needs to be done at MDE to support IHLs. Teacher data are needed from IHL. Dr. Pamela Felder will be assisting Cerissa with IHL concerns—will assist with program evaluations and what MDE is doing to help IHL. Cerissa has looked at the Georgia model for program approval to expedite and streamline process for Mississippi.

- Title II review is ongoing. Problems with getting correct answers and support from ETS. (Cerissa is having trouble getting information and apologized for not responding timely.) Cerissa requests that MSTAR be used for teacher training. Information is available on the web. MDE is trying to streamline and make it user friendly.

Updates from IHL presented by Dr. Susan Lee:

- Dr Lee spoke about the literacy task force which is looking at tests to align with CCSS/MS college career ready standards.
- She mentioned a revival of the literacy council for IHL that will be funded by Barksdale. Dr. Lee and classroom teacher will chair the group.
- Title II- several questions were presented to Lee about the Title II reports and scores coming back as not passed. ETS representative Cory is looking into the problems and will get answers.
- NCATE legacy visits and old protocols still being used. Meeting in DC did not go well because the CAEP representative assigned to meet with the Mississippi delegation resigned. We need state BOE members that are trained. Teams should mirror the institution they are evaluating.
- No more legacy training for NCATE. Only 1 person in state has received CAEP training.
- Dr. Lorie Todd Smith from Governor's office is the Education policy advisor. Governor's agenda strongly invested in Literacy Based Promotion Act. This will continue with more funding for coaches in low performing schools. Lots of discussion around CCSS. Politically there is a lot of discussion about CCSS and changes to the assessment/PARCC. Standards not strong enough in Algebra—not an overhaul of standards but some talk about changes to CCSS. Direction of MS seems to be that we need high standards. Edits to standards are needed—not a throwing out of them. Special needs scholarships--bill lost by three votes. This will come back up for students who are not receiving the services that they need. Bill will state that parents can take state funds to other schools/private to get services. Language has been reworded so that teacher qualification and school services must meet specific requirements. Draft legislation about fraudulent grades in schools. Superintendents from D/F districts can't be hired in other districts.
- TFA funding will continue- Scholarships for high GPA/act will continue. Early childhood - a 15mill grant for 4 yrs. submitted by MDE for systematic approach to PK education. New degrees will be needed if grant is received. 3 million for early learning collaborative and MS building blocks for childcare centers. More discussion on increased funding MAEP.... Career /tech fields to be expanded and scholarship opportunity. School choice bill-- families choose where to go to school. Kindergarten readiness assessment results—65% of Kindergartners not ready.
- NCLB waivers. Changes to the waiver issues—More accountability for State superintendents. Issues with over-testing of children to move away from so much testing.
- LETRS training is very good and encourage IHL faculty to participate.



New business items included:

- CAEP- Call Patty Garvin to inform of who our state team is.
- Dr. Rock shared that CAEP draft handbook is available and lists policy and procedures- 5yr/3yr accountability model. CAEP is going request that all assessments be submitted 3 yrs. out to look at the 6-8 key assessments to approve/disapprove of validity/reliability— think about a protocol that will have IHLs use some of the same assessments
- Title II- Problem with being able to assign students to institutions because some are not removing students when they transfer. Important for all institutions of update student data on a regular basis.
- New Praxis II for reading for Elementary Education candidates. Only two windows for Elementary tests with no study materials available--Study companion is free but not a good enough study guide. Grace period for acceptance of old test for certification. 5011 valid for 5 years is the MDE rule. Judy Edmonds in licensure is keeping a running list of the 5011 test takers--updated information is sent monthly to ETS. Encourage students to only search for MS available tests.

- Retreat dates and Intern Reception Date are needed

With no other business brought forward, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Debbie Burson, Secretary/Treasurer