

President's Commission on Teacher Education

March 21, 2013

7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Foundation Boardroom

Meeting Minutes

Present: Nancy Akhavan, William Covino, Jody Daughtry, Luz Gonzalez, Carol Fry Bohlin, Jim Marshall, Janell Morillo, Sherri Nakashima, Nicki Sullivan, Kevin Wagner, John Welty, Janet Young, and Jon Yost.

Introductions

Dr. Welty described the charge and purpose of the committee.

Meeting minutes from December stand as distributed.

Advancing Student Interest in Science & Mathematics – Carol Fry Bohlin

(Detailed handouts emailed in advance to PCTE)

- MSTI CSET Workshops & Pedagogy Courses
- CCSS-Math Workshop Series offered by the CMC and SJVMP
- STEM Learning in Action Conference sponsored by the California Science Project
- Geometry & Technology Summer Academies for K-12 students
- CCSS Geometry Institute for Teachers
- CVSP Ecological Studies Summer Institute
- SJVMP Summer Leadership Institute
- PPT Presentation on the planned Liberal Studies STEM Concentration
- Summary of MSTI-sponsored community based learning activities to date

K-12 Outreach

- Chemistry – service learning grant supports creation of reusable chemistry kits for K-8
- Engineering – showcase at Sierra Vista Mall
- Physics – multiple appearances around the community
 - Great Day
 - Children's Hospital
 - Science Olympiad Regional Competition

Liberal Studies STEM Concentration Area

- WestEd/CSU Webinar
- Presentation at CSU/CC Liberal Studies Conference
- Grant proposal submitted to CSU CO – J. Marshall – 14 campuses submitted proposals for science prep for future elementary teachers

Additional Items:

- FUSC 4-8 grade math/sci teacher residency program recruiting cohort 1

- Exploring partnership with UC Merced – they do not currently have a credential program but they do have a Natural Science Education minor. We looked at their syllabi to determine matriculation compatibility. Upper division and grad students can be placed in the same course.
- Grants submitted last week for SJVMP and CVSP; MSTI grant monies arrived this month
- Circle Schematics – Common Core State Standards overlap

W. Covino asked about the status of the liberal studies concentration. – C. Fry Bohlin said we are waiting to hear formally that funding has been received then we will start quickly with students beginning this fall. \$20K is available. J. Marshall – we can expect continued funding for this.

APLU SMTI

Nothing new to report

Common Core Standards – KEEP ON AGENDA

All KSOEHD faculty had two CVELI sponsored training sessions. English and Math departments were invited to attend but did not participate.

J. Young said Clovis Unified is getting pushback from the Tea Party regarding Common Core. KMJ programming, board meeting takeovers, etc... Clovis is trying to develop their communication regarding this. We need to be diligent about our efforts. Issues regarding CCSS need to be addressed with state legislature not at the district level.

J. Marshall – there is much misinformation out there. C. Fry Bohlin asked if districts communicated with each other?

J. Welty asked if there is a need for our faculty to be talking with districts. W. Covino – all of our college deans will be communicated with to eliminate misconceptions. J. Welty – we need to try to get our faculty talking with the districts. J. Murillo – community colleges need to be a part of the conversation because of the high number of transfer students. J. Young – if Fresno State could facilitate this discussion, that would be great.

Other items?

J. Marshall – AACTE. W. Covino is a board member. At the last meeting, out of 800 institutions, Fresno State was awarded best practices in ethics and moral dispositions. It will be formally presented at the character conference.

An AACTE report came out discussing the 2009/10 school years and the quality of the students coming into our teacher preparation courses. A relationship between Fresno State and Sanger Unified was also highlighted in this report because of the quality of the data collected supporting the effectiveness of this partnership. The one year residency program in a school district was highlighted. We need to diversify the profession – the communities that we serve are diverse but nationally, teachers are not. J. Marshall should connect with University Communications.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.