

Education Deans: Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas

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Port Royal
Port Aransas, Texas

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the EDICUT was called to order by President Perry K Haley-Brown. Introductions of those present were made as items were presented. The minutes of the 24 October 2012 meeting were approved as read. A treasurer's report was given by Pam Williford which showed a balance of \$33,059.99. Treasurer Williford reminded the members that EDICUT will continue to fund up to \$2,000 for travel expenses to be utilized by the EDICUT's president and vice-president to attend the four CSOTTE board meetings in 2012. Additionally, funding will continue for the purchase of plaques for member institutions' EDICUT Preservice Teachers Awards. A motion (Zipperlen) to accept the treasurer's report was made and the report was approved as presented.

President Brown thanked the Nominating Committee for generating the slate of officer candidates. A motion (Rosato) to accept the nomination slate by acclamation was made and approved as presented:

President Grant Simpson (St. Edwards University)
Vice-President Marlene Zipperlen (University of Mary Hardin Baylor)
Secretary Sherry Adrian (Southwestern University)
Treasurer Pam Williford (Hardin Simmons University)

Outgoing President Brown passed the duties to incoming President Simpson.

Past President Brown noted that the organization currently has 32 members. In August/September 2012, member institutions will receive a list of representatives to revise for distribution. It is anticipated that the annual dues will remain at \$130.00 for next year.

Past President Brown reported that 16/32 EDICUT member institutions had confirmed that they elected to decline participation in the National Council on Teacher Quality research study. Additional attending members confirmed decline in participation bringing the current total to 22/32. Additional information is welcomed to clarify the status of the remaining 10 institutions.

A motion (Higgins) was made to create geographic groupings of participating institutions for the purpose of organizing legislative lunch meetings to engage in critical conversations about Educator Preparation initiatives. The motion included setting a \$500.00 budget for each geographic cohort. The motion was approved and passed as stated.

Discussion items included:

- Funding by EDICUT for the Preservice Teacher Award recipients (1 per institution) to attend the February 2013 TACTE meeting. General discussion demonstrated a preference to move the attendance to the CSOTTE meeting in October 2013. Further discussion will be held at the October 2012 CSOTTE meeting to establish the level of funding for each participating member institution.
- The status of the 4-8 certification programs as the new 7-12 certification is adopted by TEA. Questions regarding Highly Qualified and the impact of the new election year were explored.
- Participation in the Center for Research, Evaluation and Advancement of Teacher Education (CREATE) - Multiple members shared the benefits of information available through CREATE to monitor graduates within the past 10 years. Discussion explored the connections between data from PEEQ and CREATE, and the importance of tracking “Nonrenewal” of certified candidates
- Possible actions for member institutions to help increase informed participation of principals in the Principal Survey on teacher preparation, such as distributing program informational materials and ongoing direct contact with local principals.

The following actions were agreed on:

Participating members agreed to send electronic documents used to evaluate candidates’ “fitness for the profession,” candidate handbooks, and student teacher evaluation forms to President Grant Simpson for distribution to the EDICUT group.

Dan Higgins will send the list of EDICUT Student Teaching Awards to Mike Rosato for inclusion in the October 2012 CSOTTE program, as agreed at the October 2011 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.