

TACTE RETREAT - Business Meeting
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2011
SHERATON AUSTIN AT THE CAPITOL, AUSTIN, TEXAS
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

1. Welcome and Introduction of Members and Guests (Dr. John Miazga)
2. Approval of February TACTE Minutes (Dr. Scherry Johnson)
The minutes from the February meeting had been distributed electronically.
Dr. Judy Abbott moved to approve; Second by Dr. Marlene Zipperlen. Motion carried. Minutes approved without changes.
3. Treasurer's Report (Dr. Marlene Zipperlen)
Treasurer's Report distributed and attached.
Treasurer reported that there are 69 dues paying members.
Dr. Perry Kay Haley-Brown moved to accept; Second by Dr. Genevieve Brown. Report accepted.
4. Legislative Update (Dr. Grant Simpson)
The current Legislative Session still has a week to go but it seems as if some legislation with very negative consequences for Teacher Preparation Programs and Public Schools has not moved forward.

Dr. Simpson reported that he has worked hard to meet the senior staff in key legislative offices and thinks this personal contact is important. He recommends that TACTE must increase our presence in legislative offices during future legislative sessions if our message is to be taken seriously. He recommends that TACTE enlarge the legislative committee to be able to examine bills as proposed and write impact statements, specifically financial impact consequences. These statements can be shared with university presidents and teacher preparation program advisory committees. This effort will require additional time and attention from the TACTE executive director. He cautions us NOT to forget the lessons learned this year.

On another note, Dr. Simpson noted that he is heartened by TEA's willingness to be responsive to our (the Dean's) feedback and by the SBEC Board's recommendation to close an underperforming ACP. (Reminder that TEA cannot recommend closing a program, only the SBEC Board can.)

5. Update regarding deans' representative on the SBEC Board
Dr. Grant Simpson was appointed by Governor Rick Perry to serve a new term on the SBEC Board. The membership congratulated Dr. Simpson and thanked him for his service.
6. ATE Request (Joyce Hardin)
Joyce Hardin reported on an ATE request that TACTE support the National ATE Conference scheduled to meet in San Antonio in February 2010. The TACTE Executive Committee requested that TACTE sponsor the opening session of the Conference for a \$5,000 contribution. TACTE will

receive recognition in the program and the President will be seated on the stage for the opening event.

The Committee farther recommended that any additional commitments be made by individual institutions. TACTE will provide ATE with contact information so they might solicit this support directly.

A motion to approve the Executive Committee's recommendation was made by Dr. Genevieve Brown; Second by Dr. Art Hernandez. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Journal Proposal (Joyce Hardin)

Joyce Hardin reported that TACTE had received a request to be an Associate Partner for the *Scholar-Practitioner Quarterly* journal which would require a contribution of \$4,260. When Joyce asked, "Do you want TACTE to be an associate sponsor?", there was no response from anyone in the group. The request died for lack of support.

As an option, Dr. Hardin suggested providing the editor, Patrick Jenlink, with a list of TACTE members so he can send a request to individual institutions. Dr. Dana Hood made a motion to approve this option; Second, Dr. Jill Burk. Motion carried with one abstention.

8. ACSR/AACTE (Dr. Jon Engelhardt, TACTE ACSR Representative)

Dr. Engelhardt gave a brief update about how the Advisory Council for State Representatives (ACSR) is viewed as leadership training for AACTE. The summer State Leadership Institute is open to anyone in TACTE who wants to attend. The incoming TACTE President attends as does the ACSR representative. It provides an opportunity to learn more about national issues and how to influence national decision makers. NCTQ issues are a current focus for many discussions.

This discussion provided an opportunity to take an informal poll of the membership to gauge whether-or-not a significant number of TACTE institutions might be considering not paying national AACTE dues because of budget issues and a perceived lack of value for the membership. A number of current members do not plan to renew. The group was reminded that in order to be an official state affiliate of AACTE, 60% of the TACTE members are required to be affiliate with the national organization. It was also noted that many national professional organizations are facing similar membership declines.

9. Executive Director Search

Dr. Art Hernandez, chair of the Search Committee, reported that a job announcement was ready and he requested that the compensation for the part-time position be raised from \$12,000/year to \$15,000 effective immediately. The motion to approve this request was made by Dr. Genevieve Brown; Second by Dr. Marlene Zipperlen. Motion approved unanimously.

Dr. Hernandez requested that the mileage reimbursement rate be changed to "the prevailing state rate." Motion to approve made by Dr. Jill Burk; Second by Dr. Marlene Zipperlen. Motion approved.

Dr. Hernandez requested authorization to place a job posting advertisement in Austin area publications. Motion to approve made by Dr. Marlene Zipperlen; Second by Dr. Perry Haley-Brown. There was some discussion about the need for the applicant to live in the Austin area because of the need for the director to attend SBEC meetings and certain committee meetings during the years when the Legislature is in session, but much of the work, such as arranging for conferences, communicating with the deans, and other responsibilities can be conducted electronically from other locations. There was some concern that an open advertisement would result in too many applications from individuals with no understanding of the organization. The motion was approved.

The position needs to be filled by the beginning of the new academic year with hope that the new individual can have some time to work with Joyce before she departs.

Request from the group that each Dean receive the job announcement and all are requested to share this information with appropriate potential candidates.

10. Future Meetings:

Fall Conference and Meeting: October 23-25, 2011
Omni Corpus Christi Bayfront and Marina Towers

Spring Meeting – TBA (probably late February)

2012 Retreat, May 13 - 15, 2012, Port Royal Resort

11. Update - NCTQ/US News and World Report Survey

Brief discussion but no one reported any new requests or information from NCTQ.

12. Standing Committee reports

The Awards Committee, Dr. Denise Staudt, Chair

Dr. Staudt made a motion to establish a new award, The Joyce Hardin Service Award, to be given to a recipient who contributes extraordinary service to TACTE. Motion to approve by acclamation made by Dr. Art Hernandez; Second (numerous seconds) – Carried unanimously.

Dr. Staudt then presented the inaugural plaque to Joyce Hardin as the first recipient. Dr. Hardin received a standing appreciation from the membership.

13. Other business

Dr. John Miazga passed the "gavel" (a real one to establish a tradition) to incoming president, Dr. Dana Hood. Dr. Hood presented Dr. Miazga with a plaque of appreciation for his service.

Meeting Adjourned.

Scherry Johnson, Secretary