GACTE Spring Board Meeting

March 21st, 2014

Nesmith-Lane Center Statesboro, GA

Attending: Don Livingston, Cindi Chance, Mike Mahan, Tom Koballa, Vicki Hollinshead, Karen Kurz, Cathy Moore, Fran Jackson, Bob Michael, Sharon Livingston, Jack Parish.

**Call to Order:** President Karen Kurz called the meeting to order at 8:05AM.

**Approval of Minutes**: Motion for approval of the minutes of the GACTE Board meeting from November 2013 was made and seconded. The minutes were previously sent out and are also posted on the GACTE website. There were no corrections to the minutes. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Treasurer’s Report**: Vicki Hollinshead delivered a report on the finances of the organization with detailed descriptions of expenditures and assets since the last meeting. A list of institutions that have paid their dues for 2013 was attached. Notices for dues for 2014 will go out in May. The treasurer’s report was approved unanimously by voice.

**Fall Conference:**

Don and Cindi have had conversations with GATE/ GACTE/GEPP/GAEL as well as others groups. The decision is that GATE wants us to participate, but not as a partnership. This would be a good venue for young faculty to attend a conference and to present at a local conference. GERA was mentioned, but is mostly graduate students. For the Tier 1 institutions, the need is regional or national for presentations. Tom Koballa asked about other potential groups.

There was discussion on the future of EPAAC due to a lack of attendance by Arts and Sciences Deans. There are some Education Deans that do not participate. Discussion was to move to a summer conference.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

First item of business is to replace Dr. Ann Levett, the member at large representative until 2016. Karen Kurz will work on this. There is a list of some candidates that will be contacted to secure interest in serving on the board. Cindy is working on a job-description for the at-large board member.

There is also a need to replace Ellen Roberts, who was an at large board member until 2014, and also the Chair of the Professional Development Committee. Ellen is now an Assistant Vice-President and no longer in Educator Preparation.

**AWARDS COMMITTEE:**

The need to create an Ad Hoc Awards Committee to select candidates for the “Chance Award” was discussed. One decision was to send the process to the Professional Development Committee. There will need to be a new Chair. The discussion was to reach out to past award winners as part of the committee or to chair the committee (Tom). Don will reach out to last year’s award winner. We will try to have all of these steps accomplished by summer meeting

**WEBSITE:**

We discussed the site to host the GACTE website. It was decided to move from Spellman College to AACTE website under Georgia’s home page GACTE. AACTE will host all of the individual State chapters. We have access to update as needed and the National AACTE can also place updates on the site.

**NTEP GRANT:**

There is a new NTEP Grant: AACTE is supplying Georgia’s Race to the Top (RT3) in support of teacher preparation. (see the attached handout.) Needs to have a closer discussion with our school partners and get them involved. There is still concern that we are all not on the same page with all of the changes. Part of the larger issue is the shift in the awarding of the professional license from the colleges to the school districts. One discussion item was to use some of the grant monies to work with the RESAs. There will be further discussion about the grant and how the money can be used to support teacher preparation. EdTPA implementation with the school systems is also an issue. There is hesitancy on the part of the DOE to include Higher Ed in the Discussions.

**Day on the Hill:**

Everything went well and should be continued (Don). The students were in the gallery and were recognized from the floor. Many legislators stopped by the tables to visit the students. There was discussion to move away from a Friday (Tom) since it tends to be busy and short in the legislative sessions. Maybe move to a Thursday. The students were excellent.

**Certification Upgrades and Pay for Advanced Degrees:**

There was discussion about graduate programs in education and their future. The value of advanced degrees with the new tiered system and how teachers will be compensated in the future was a topic. Connections with local Chambers of Commerce, the awarding of PLU’s and their value to colleges, were discussed. The future advancement of teachers and certificate upgrades will not require PLUs. We will need a plan and a strategy as we go forward. Work with PAGE and GAEL on this. This is a large economic hit that could be coming to colleges and universities. The loss of graduate programs and certificates was discussed. GACTE needs a plan for the future on how to focus on this to come up with a strategy.

**CAEP Guidebooks:**

Tracy Elder is putting together a response to CAEP on the new guidelines outlined in the four manuals. Volunteers were solicited to read the manuals and make comments that will be forwarded to CAEP. The manuals are thick and very wordy with ambiguous statements.

**AACTE on the Hill in Washington:**

The upcoming Week in Washington was discussed. It is June 11th through June 12th. The following individuals will attend the State Leaders Conference: and Cindi is going to the Day on the Hill.

Arlinda Eaton (President Elect)

Karen Kurz (President)

Cindi Chance (GACTE Executive Director)

**STATE REPORT CARDS**:

At the AACTE meetings there will be a State Card (Report Card) that is rolled out by State, by Institution based on information submitted to PEDS will be available in June. Do these go public?

**Model Legislation:**

There is an AACTE four year scholarship for students to work in High Needs areas and have the grant repaid through service. Can we get this introduced into the legislature?

There is a need for a longer retreat. Cindi indicated this is a growing need to spend more time than just the one hour at the EPAAC.

**Committee Reports:** (Did not get to Committee Reports)

**Nominations Committee:** Will be moved to the Summer.

**Policy and Legislature Committee:**

**Day on the Hill: See Above**

**Administrative Committee:**

**Communications Committee: See Above**

**Professional Development Committee:**

**Research Committee:**

Respectfully Submitted

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