GACTE Spring Board Meeting

March 14, 2013

Macon Marriott Conference Center

Attending: Don Livingston, Cindi Chance, Barbara Buckner, Ellen Roberts, Arlinda Eaton, Mike Mahan, Tom Kobala, Vicki Hollingshead, Bob Michael

Absent Gordon Eisenman, Andy Horne, David Moffett, Cathy Moore,

**Call to Order:** Past President Don Livingston called the meeting to order at 4:00.

**Approval of Minutes**: Arlinda Eaton made a motion for approval of the minutes of the GACTE Board meeting from September 20, 2012 at UGA in Athens. Cindi Chance seconded the motion. There were no corrections to the minutes. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Treasurer’s Report**: Vicki Hollingshead delivered a report on the finances of the organization with detailed descriptions of expenditures and assets since the last meeting. A discussion ensued about the number of Affiliate Memberships. The question was whether there is a need for affiliate memberships. The group indicated the RESA’s are strong affiliate members. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer’s report as delivered. It was unanimously approved by voice vote to accept the treasurer’s report.

**Fall Conference 2013** (4:10)

There was a discussion on returning to the GATE Conference. A motion was made to explore the idea of co-sponsoring the event with GATE and also bringing into the conference more teaching faculty. Don raised concerns about losing the GEPP participation at GATE.

There was discussion about the recent GATE meeting and the excellence of the speakers that were invited.

Angela cautioned that we need to have two distinct agendas so it is not just a repeat of the same ideas over again. Cindy reported that we can work with the GATE committee on dates for the Fall.

There was a charge to Don Livingston by Cindi Chance to contact the GATE president and seek a solution. We need to keep EPAAC and GEPP together.

**Committee Reports:**

 **Nominations Committee:** President-elect = Arlinda Eaton

Board Member = Don Livingston

 Board member = Ann Levett

 Communications = Fran Jackson

 **Policy and Legislature Committee:**

 **Day on the Hill:** Arlinda spoke about the legislation to remove the common core. There was strong support for common core by teachers

 **Administrative Committee:**  No report

**Communications Committee:** No report, New Committee Representative, Fran Jackson

**Professional Development Committee:** Ellen Roberts, this conference.

**Research Committee:** Dr. Tom Koballa, Indicated this is a open committee and he needs participants and ideas.

**Grant:** Barbara Buckner: Working on alignment of **INTASC/FRAMEWORK/TPA/TEACHER KEYS**

A handout was distributed**.** Not on the induction level yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

 Seamless Assessment: Angela indicated she is meeting with PAGE, GAEL, GATE, and Superintendents Association about partnerships. She is **still** working with the DOE.

 Don: insert language that will require an advanced degree from higher Ed. for advancement. There was the question to put the information in the form of a motion.

A motion was made for Don to craft a letter to David Hill about the concerns of the group with the requirements for advanced degrees. The motion was moved and seconded.

Ruth Caillouet recommended that we check with other states to see what they do.

Cindi Chance indicated the letter is critical and should indicate advanced learning and student outcomes.

Don wrote a letter to Kelly Henson (This was approved by the membership)

Dear Executive Secretary Kelly Henson,

The Georgia Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (GACTE) is proud to be an integral partner with the Georgia Professional Standards Commission and with diverse school districts across the state to continuously improve teacher preparation in Georgia. Under the GAPSC’s leadership, advance degree programs eligible for certificate upgrades are subject to a rigorous approval review process and content specific examinations to ensure that they are aligned to standards that will improve teacher quality and increase student learning. In the near future, teacher evaluation measurement data will be available to affirm the effectiveness of these advanced degree programs on raising student learning.

All members of GACTE firmly believe that educators who complete these advanced programs are fully prepared academically and developed with the habits of mind that are essential for those who serve at the highest levels of the teaching profession. For these reasons, the Georgia Association of Colleges of Teacher Education unanimously approved a motion to support inclusion of specific language in the Tiered Certification Standards and Requirement that would require a GAPSC-approved advanced degree beyond an initial certification degree for promotion to the Advanced Tier and a GAPSC- approved specialist or doctoral degree for advancement to the Teacher Leader Tier.

Your support in our efforts to prepare highly effective teachers in Georgia has always been most appreciated by the membership of GACTE.

Sincerely,

A very rich and passionate discussion followed. Joyce Many had concerns about the Ed. S. and the Ph. D. for top tier level of certificates.

**The wording on the PSC career ladder plan is on hold for now.**

**Angela indicated that the PSC Is willing to hear from the group about concerns in these areas.**

GACTE Members in attendance:

Sharon Livingston Lagrange College

Cindy Chance Georgia Regents

Bob Michael U. of North Georgia

Tom Koballa Georgia Southern U

Fran Jackson Spelman College

Lettie Watford Georgia Southwestern State U.

Julie Weisberg Georgia Gwinnett College

Barbara Buckner Columbus State U.

Deirdre Greer Columbus State U

Joyce Many Georgia State U

John Smith U of Georgia

Jim Marshall U of Georgia

Paul Alberto Georgia State U

Elazer Barnette Savannah State U

Adrian Epps Kennesaw State U

Arlinda Eaton Kennesaw State U

Susan Belmonte Georgia Tech

Calvin Meyer Dalton State College

Sharon Hixon Dalton State College

Ruth Caillouet Clayton State U

Donna Gardner Toccoa Falls College

Vicki Hollinshead Emmanuel College

Susan Lynn Thomas U

Paula Dohoney Georgia Regents U (at Augusta)

Ellen Roberts Columbus State U

Cynthia Bolton Armstrong Atlantic State U

Robin Daniel SPSU

Marka Ormsby SPSU

George Stickel SPSU

Sandy Leslie Brenau U

Tommye Thomas Brenau U

Bonnie Chambers Albany State U.

Respectfully Submitted

Mike Mahan, Gordon State College