



Certification and Higher Education Committee

Maine State Board of Education

Minutes of the October 22, 2012 Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a meeting on Monday, October 22, 2012, at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Chair Nancy Perkins; Jana Lapoint; and Heidi Sampson (Board Members); Mark Cyr and Harry Osgood (DOE Staff)

Guest: Dr. Brian Dorr and Dr. Craig Mason, University of Maine

Nancy Perkins called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

Updates:

Certification (Mark Cyr)

- Mark informed the committee that the notices of Ed Tech renewals were just sent out; the renewals are due on February 1st.
- The projected date for the new software to be totally on line may be March, 2013, instead of the May, 2012 date. Debra-jean Scheibel, DOE – Special Education will be initiating a conversation about changes in Chapter 115 regarding Special Education requirements.

Higher Education (Harry Osgood)

- Harry reported that the following institutions are in varying phases for seeking Board approval.
 - Kaplan University is requesting two Bachelor of Science degrees (Nursing and Information Technology) and one Associate of Science (I.T.) degree.
 - Intercoast Community Institute is applying for four associate degrees.
 - The Board will also write a MOU to the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee indicating that a name change request to College instead of Institution was made to the Board. The Legislature must act on that request.
 - The Institute for Doctoral Studies in the Visual Arts request to award the Master of Philosophy in the Visual Arts degree will also be on the next Board agenda. These reports will be included in the mailings.
 - St. Joseph's College will have a review that will focus on Special Education and an on line Master of Educational Leadership.
 - Loyola also has a request for a review of their pastoral ministry program that currently enrolls three individuals. This program is run through the Catholic Diocese.
- Harry is proposing a training session on degree granting to new board members.

- Harry is also suggesting that the Board host an implementation session on Chapter 114 for all teacher preparation programs.
- The committee endorsed this proposal and will assist Harry in arranging the details.

Dr. Brian Dorr and Dr. Craig Mason presented an overview of the courses that are being offered by the Center for Research and Evaluation at UMO. These courses are organized in a cohort that takes a four-course sequence. The courses address the needs of school districts in collecting, organizing, and analyzing all the data that is being generated. 80 to 85% of the enrollees are administrators who are using real data from their districts as the basis of their course work. Dr. Dorr and Dr. Mason suggested the need for a certificate/designation to recognize data specialists. Typically either designation contains 15 credit hours. The suggestion was made to offer a Capstone project that would provide another three hours. The conversations around this proposal will continue.

The next Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 26, 2012 at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be held in room 541 of the Cross State Office Building.

Adjournment

The Certification Committee meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.