

EDICUT Meeting Minutes
Port Royal Resort and Conference Center
May 18, 2015
2:15 P.M

I. Members present:

Name	University
Laura Allen	Trinity University
Shari Albright	Trinity University
Julia Shahid	Austin College
Barbara Sylvester	Austin College
Dan Higgins	St. Mary's University
Grant Simpson	St. Edwards University
Mike Rosato	Howard Payne University
Jim Todd	Wayland Baptist University
Robert LeBlanc	University of St. Thomas
Jerri Jackson	Our Lady of the Lake University
Marlene Zipperlen	University of Mary Hardin Baylor
Dana Pemberton	Abilene Christian
Elda Martinez	University of the Incarnate Word
Denise Staudt	University of the Incarnate Word
Carol McGaughey	Houston Baptist University

II. Discussion concerning EDICUT and slate of officers

There are 28 private universities in EDICUT.

Dr. Pam Williford from Hardin-Simmons will be stepping down as Treasurer, with plans to leave her role as the Dean of the College of Education to a full time faculty position.

Wayne Jacobs, president-elect, has declined the position.

Marlene Zipperlen, nominating committee chair, presented the following slate of officers for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Gayle Grotjan- Concordia- President

Mike Rosato- Howard Payne- Vice President

Carol McGaughey-Houston Baptist-Secretary

UMHB is in the process of determining if they will be able to serve in the capacity of Treasurer.

Dan Higgins made the motion to accept the slate of officers through acclamation: the motion was seconded by Grant Simpson. Motion passed.

III. Expense Report

CSOTTE dues \$300

Currently \$41,230.61 in Treasury after expenses

Expenses for 2014-2015

Postage (Don Higgins) \$96.96

Trophy for Student Teachers \$563.02 (\$248.40, \$66.22)

IV. Certification Areas and Exams

The representative tests will be \$375 to private universities.

Business/ Finance needs to be clarified. It is a new test and new certification. It is not a replacement.

Continued discussion over the 291 test-EC-6 Core Subjects Exam.

There has been a data collection period for the new EC-6 Core Subjects test- low scores reported.

Wonder if they may make the pass score lower. Tim Miller had mentioned that.

The feeling is that if ETS is sending out a representative test, there will not be a split to two exams.

There was a discussion about the data collection period and the measurement of content knowledge. ETS doesn't want to compare the old and new tests or do any correlations as they don't think this gives any useful data.

Previously, not passing a section of content still allowed a person to pass.

Curriculum decisions will have an effect on how students do on the exam. How badly are they failing? Pass rates for all sections of the exam was 15% for some groups.

There is a burden on university programs without a phase-in time for this new exam.

The new exam seems to be discriminatory in a social justice standpoint with a 4% pass rate for African Americans- 14% for Hispanics.

Can policy of passing the Content exam before going into student teaching be maintained as it is so difficult for students to pass? The new exam is testing content knowledge that was part of their early college coursework. Taking the content exam right before student teaching places the exam far away from when the content was taught initially.

V. Discussion: Teacher shortage coming.

How will we maintain the teacher quality we have?

What alternatives will arise to deal with the shortage? District certification as an alternative was mentioned.

VI. Other business

Barbara Sylvester from Austin College mentioned her retirement.

Julia Shahid will be taking her position at Austin College.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:00 P.M.