

Teacher Education Council
September 29, 2015
3pm CARR 290

Attendees: Cindy Weeaks, Karl Havlak, Russel Wilke, John Klingemann, Jim Summerlin, Kimberly Dickerson, Paul Swets, Mike Salisbury

1. Legislative Updates

a. HB 2205

- i. Everyone that goes through Teacher Education programs has to have Dyslexia training.
- ii. Cohorts admitted into programs have to have a 3.0 GPA
- iii. 10% Rule GPA <2.5 must pass content test
- iv. All programs must be approved every 5 years (audit)
- v. Supervision of Clinical Teachers- Report Frequency, Duration and Quality of supervision. State will survey 1st year teachers
- vi. SBEC (TEA) and THECB will have to work together- effective January 2016
- vii. TEA must develop risk factors to determine programs in trouble
 1. EPP Compliance
 2. Complaints
 3. Accreditation from other groups as mitigating factors
- viii. Retake TExES exam no more than 4x (total of 5 attempts)

b. SB 1309

- i. JROTC can receive a standard teaching certificate

c. HB 2186

- i. Mental Health
 - ii. Suicide prevention training
 - iii. Identifying drug and alcohol abuse
 - d. HB 505
 - i. No limit on number of dual credit hours taken, also no grade level restriction for taking dual credit
 - e. HB 2610
 - i. One school year equals 75,600 minutes of instruction. A day = 420 minutes
 - ii. Truancy is no longer a crime
 - f. SB 97
 - i. Less than 18 yrs no sale of e-cigarettes/inhalers. Prohibits purchase, consumption or acceptance. Prohibited on all school property or at any school function.
 - g. HB 2025
 - i. Pilots for 3 year graduation plans (Hutto and Dallas)
 - h. HB 1613
 - i. TEA to provide table showing alignments of CCRS with TEKS
 - ii. College Prep Course, completion meets TSI requirements
- 2. New Certification Advisor
 - a. Mary Snowden
- 3. New Certification Tests
 - a. EC6 Core
 - b. 4-8 Core
- 4. Remediation Process
 - a. First failure: give student access to online remediation program Certify Teacher
 - b. Second failure: Referred to Faculty Advisor for remediation

- c. Third failure: Referred to Department Chair for remediation
- 5. Preliminary Pass Rates
 - a. Presented at meeting (scores unofficial at time of meeting so were not published)
- 6. Representative Tests
 - a. Proprietary material
 - b. Have to be accountable for all materials
 - c. Must sign release to get materials
 - i. Look into ordering
 - 1. Speech
 - 2. Agriculture