

Illinois Mathematics Teacher Educators (IMTE) Minutes

Meeting Date: Saturday, October 19, 2013
Place: during the ICTM Annual Conference, Peoria, IL
Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Attendees: Keith Drew, Dianna Galante, Mary McMahon, Cathy Moushon,
Jackie Murawska, Todd Oberg, Jim Olsen, Barbara O'Donnell,
George Reese, Tammy Voepel, Peter Wiles, Alan Zollman
Rick Anderson, Marshall Lassak

- Introductions
- Minutes from November 29, 2012 approved and seconded
- Barb: Treasurer's Report
 - considering becoming a not-for-profit
 - must consider filing annual report (Alan) but may be under umbrella of AMTE (Todd)
 - treasurer's report approved and seconded
- Barb: Membership
 - if members have not paid, they have been taken off the master list
 - former members will also be taken off the email list as well (George)
- Discussion on the decrease of enrollment in mathematics education courses across state and possible reasons why: fewer jobs (Barb), new state policies, CCSS, TAP exams, etc., (Tammy), surplus of elementary teachers (Todd), state pension issues (Alan)
- Dianna: there is a need to collect data on those who default on student loans and then report to local districts
- Elections
 - Todd will stay on for another two-year term
 - Jackie will continue as secretary until Fall 2015
 - Dianne will continue as 4-year University Representative until Fall 2015
 - Sharon Rak will continue as Professional Development Consultant Representative until Fall 2015
 - Motion to approve slate was approved and seconded

- Todd: ISBE updates - leadership (corresponds with info on Todd's ISBE slides)
 - New Assistant Superintendent for the Dept. of Teacher and Leader Effectiveness, Dr. Jason Helfer, Department Chair at Knox College, replaces Linda Tomlinson
 - New IL State Educator Preparation & Licensure Board member: Dr. Barbara O'Donnell
 - Dr. Helfer is moving towards changing the tone of discussion between the state and institutions of higher education (example: submitting only the matrix, not all the syllabi) so that ISBE can *help* higher ed yet still be in compliance with the regulating piece
 - Barb: there are recent changes in assessment forms (descriptions and rubrics). You can use old forms. Important: what process does your institution go through when organizing your data?
 - Todd: goal from ISBE is less last minute changes (and less surprises). The role of higher ed is not to complain; instead, higher ed faculty can contact Todd to communicate issues as they present themselves, and please get involved in the public comment opportunities.

- Todd: ISBE updates - testing
 - Effective January 1, 2014, individuals completing teacher preparation must pass TAP test prior to student teaching. ACT requirements remain the same (22 with writing). But institutions can keep TAP passing requirements prior to application if they desire.
 - Effective January 1, 2014 the SAT may be used in lieu of TAP (composite score of 1030).
 - Effective September 1, 2014 there will be only one APT exam, not four, for all candidates. (Current version last offered July 12.) Test includes more on ESL and special education. No study guide available yet.
 - 2013-2014 all institutions must begin phase-in of edTPA; 2015-2016 required for licensure. Many issues are still being discussed: cut scores, composite score and possible minimum score, possibility of re-do's, etc.
 - Todd suggests everyone gets acquainted with edTPA handbooks and assessments. Biggest problem with students thus far: not responding to prompts. All institutions need an edTPA coordinator.
 - Everyone needs to be thinking about how your program addresses preparing candidates for teaching with CCSSM with regard to both content and education courses.

- Todd: ISBE updates - dates
 - July 1, 2013: Candidates must have coursework in reading methods and special education (methods). There is a difference between reading methods and reading in the content area.
 - October 31, 2013: Deadline for submitting plans for accepting Race to the Top money to align Secondary Math & Language Arts to CCSS. If you accept it, there will be lots of paperwork minimal reimbursement, and restricted ways to spend the money.

- Resource list for curriculum will be sent out.
 - November 30, 2013: Program reports due
 - December 1, 2013: IPTS matrices due
- Todd: ISBE updates - Elementary Grades
 - Beginning October 1, 2015 no candidate shall be admitted to an existing elementary education program. Approved by JCAR.
 - On or before September 1, 2017, any candidate who is currently enrolled in an elementary program shall complete the program and have the elementary endorsement issued no later than September 1, 2018. (This is a date for *candidate* action.)
 - On or before February 1, 2017, teacher preparation programs shall use the requirements of *current* program, 23 Ill. Adm. Code 1.710 (Requirements for Elementary Teachers), to prepare teacher candidates and will have the elementary endorsement issued on or before February 1, 2017. (This is a date for *program* action.)
 - After February 1, 2017, teacher preparation programs shall use the standards of *new* program, set forth at 23 Ill. Adm. Code 20 (Standards for Endorsements in Elementary Education), to prepare teacher candidates. (This is a date for *program* action.)
- Todd: ISBE updates - Middle Grades
 - On or before February 1, 2018, middle grades teacher preparation programs must meet the requirements of *current* program (Standards for Endorsements in the Middle Grades).
 - After February 1, 2018, middle grades teacher preparation programs must meet the requirements of *new* program, 23 Ill. Adm. Code 21 (Standards for Endorsements in the Middle Grades).
 - Does the middle grade endorsement need to be a major? It's up to the institution.
 - Elementary endorsements are available. But middle school endorsements need to have a subject matter.
 - Middle school endorsement requires 24 hours of mathematics with a separate middle grades methods course.
 - Jim: new licensure structure requires institutions to be creative in their program design. For example, some issues to think about include: high school licensure candidates picking up middle school endorsement, or major in one and have a "focused program" in another which includes a clinical student teaching component, etc.
 - Barb: other ideas include elementary education major incorporating the middle school piece (but the state said that there needs to be separate programs)
 - Barb: there may be issues with completing the degree within four years, but maybe institutions could partner with others

- Barb: Program Approval
 - Fifty-four programs will come forward for approval. They have two 12-member teams to look at the forms before going to the certification board.
 - IPTS Matrices with alignments are due 12/1/2013. Important: need to show *need* for why you're preparing elementary teachers. Note that ISU did not yet start re-design.

- Jim: Common Core & PARCC Conference/Summit
 - Jim, on the ISMAA Board, has been planning a summit, tentatively scheduled for a Saturday in February 2014, for mathematics teacher educators in Illinois to look at re-design models and discuss.
 - Discussion will include program re-design, CCSSM, PARCC, and edTPA issues in math education. Other topics to be discussed may include math content courses, and elementary education college algebra and statistics requirements.
 - Jim: motion to contribute \$100 or more to fund this summit. George moved to contribute up to \$500. Catherine seconded.

- Open Discussion Items
 - Catherine: Mary O'Brien will be on the Elgin campus in November to give a presentation on PARCC implementation.
 - Todd: ISMAA will be March 28-29, 2014 at SIUE.
 - Meeting adjourned.