A special called meeting of the Council for Teacher Education for the 2005-2006 academic year was held Monday, February 27, 2006 at 3:15 p.m. in Speight 202. Members present: Vivian Covington (Chair), Michael Bossé, Joe Ciechalski, Dawn Clark, Dana Espinosa, Bethann Fine, Bill Grobe, Melissa Hamm, Linda High, Lilla Holsey, Jami Jones, Rhonda Kenny, Carolyn Ledford, Al Muller, Ashleigh Phillips, Mary Lisa Pories, Marcela Ruiz-Funes, Sandy Triebenbacher, and Sarah Williams. Absent were Rick Barnes, Michael Brown, Melva Burke, Lynne Davis, Gwendolyn Guy, Linda James, Mark Malley, Pitt County Representative, and Betty Smith.

Guests included Donald Davis, NCATE Board of Examiners, Georgia Dept. of Education; Cecelia Steppe-Jones, NCATE/SDPI Liaison, NC Central; Brigitte Valesey, NCATE Board of Examiners, Widener University, Pennsylvania; Ken Wolfskill, SDPI, Chowan College, and Michelle Hairston from Music.

Order of Business

Each CTE member and each NCATE and SDPI representative introduced themselves. Dr. Covington gave an overview, the challenge, and the charge of the CTE committee.

Current priorities of the council were discussed and how different program areas meet diversity issues in the classroom and through coursework. Members discussed how dispositions were developed and how a common assessment tool is being used in all program areas.

The governmental structure of the committee and how policy is set and disseminated was discussed. The committee relates to student learning, student issues, and programs, not faculty issues. An Advisory Council or Faculty Senate presides over faculty matters.

How program areas focus on technology was discussed. A technology course is required for admission to teacher education and one is required for exiting. It is also a component of the portfolio, required of interns. Program courses may differ, but they still meet the same standards and curriculum.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. The next meeting for the academic year 2005-2006 will be March 20, 2006 due to Spring Break the week of the 13th.

Respectfully submitted,

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