

## Credential Counselors & Analysts of California

### Highlights of the November 6, 2008 Commission Meeting CTC Office, Sacramento, California

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#### Chair's Report:

- Chair Pearson welcomed Senator Jack Scott to the meeting and congratulated him for his recent appointment as the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, as he terms out of his senate seat. Senator Scott was presented with a plaque in recognition of his work in the California Legislature on behalf of the Commission. Senator Scott is a prominent leader who supports education at all levels. He enjoys trust and respect on both sides of the isle and has been instrumental in sponsoring and passage of many bills on education, teacher preparation, para professionals, and appropriate preparation of educator of special needs children. The Commission benefitted tremendously from Senator Scott's support in improving the effectiveness of this organization and teacher preparation in California. He has been the best friend and a supporter of the CTC.
- Chair Pearson also presented plaques of recognition to Commissioner Paula Cordeiro, Chair of the Professional Services Committee and Commissioner Guillermo Gomez, Chair of the Fiscal Policy Committee, for their dedication and service to the Commission since 2005. Both of their terms expired this month. They consistently showed enthusiasm in helping the Commission and brought the voice of a classroom teacher to the CTC. Their outstanding contributions will be well remembered.
- Chair Pearson shared that Commissioner Perry and Commissioner Whitson's terms expire unless their re-appointments are confirmed. Additionally, four new appointments are waiting Senate confirmation:

Constance Blackburn

Steven Dean Jr.

Carolyn McInerney

Irene Oropeza-Enriquez

Escondido Union School District.

Las Virgenes Unified School District.

Irvine Unified School District.

Woodland Unified School District.

#### Executive Director's Report:

- Mr. Dale Janssen acknowledged the contributions of Commissioner Cordeiro and Commissioner Gomez and thanked them for their dedication and passion.

#### Special Presentation: Expanding the Role of School Psychologists

Douglas Siembieda and John Brady, of the California Association of School Psychologists discussed the need for increased coordination between administrators, teachers, and pupil service teams for affecting the best outcomes in meeting the educational and social-emotional needs of students and their families. They focused on how the role of the school Psychologist has changed and expended in recent years with increased cases of special needs children in the schools including the Autistic children. The full report can be found at:

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2008-11/2008-11-11.pdf>

#### Professional Services Division:

#### Action Items:

- *The Commissioners approved one single subject matter program, and one program sponsor for initial institutional approval.*

#### Approvals

#### Single Subject Matter Programs

California State University: Chico:

Languages Other Than English: Spanish

#### Initial Institutional Approval

Drexel University

Credentials only option

The full report can be found at : <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2008-11/2008-11-2A.pdf>

- The Commissioners approved the proposed edits to the Common Standards for Commission with minor

changes in the language. The Common Standard 8 was reconceptualized to address only the district-employed supervisors that provide additional supervision to credential candidates. The program supervisors (University) are addressed in Common Standard 4. The full details can be found at:  
<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2008-11/2008-11-2B.pdf>

**Information Items:**

- ***The Committee on Accreditation presented its 2007-08 Annual Accreditation Report.*** This report includes the accomplishments of the COA's work plan in 2007-08, accreditation activities in 2007-08, and the proposed work plan for 2008-09. Of the 14 institutions reviewed this year, 50% received full accreditation and 50% received accreditation with stipulations. The commissioners thanked Dr. Lynne Cook and Joyce Abrams along with COA committee for their hard work. The full report can be found at:  
<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2008-11/2008-11-2C.pdf>
- ***Discussion of the Concept of a Third Tier Teaching Credential:*** The staff presented information on the concept of a third tier teaching credential for Commission consideration, explaining its origin and reported on a brainstorming meeting held with stakeholders. Discussion took place on the need for recognition of experienced teacher leaders in improving student learning and the impact of their mentorship on newer, less experienced teacher along with the merits and timing. The Commission directed the staff to continue further exploration. The full report can be found at: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2008-11/2008-11-2D.pdf>
- ***Proposed Standards for Other Related Services Credentials, Added Authorizations, and Clear Credentials for Education Specialist Teaching Credentials:*** The proposed standards and authorization statements for Other Related Services Credentials, Speech-Language Pathology Services Credential, Orientation and Mobility Services, and Audiology, standards for ways to add authorizations like Autism Spectrum Disorder to existing credentials, and standards to clear an Education Specialist credential were discussed. The full report can be found at: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2008-11/2008-11-2E.pdf>
- ***The CTC policies and procedures for granting initial accreditation and accreditation of programs*** were reviewed, providing information about WASC accreditation procedures, and summarized prior Commission actions for institutions seeking waiver of the regional accreditation requirement. The full report can be found at: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2008-11/2008-11-2F.pdf>
- ***Plan to Address Issues Related to Authorizations to Teach Mathematics:*** Staff continued the discussion to address issues related to Authorization to Teach Mathematics and its relation to the achievement of K-12 students in Mathematics. Staff presented a plan and the schedule to address identified discussion topics. The full report can be found at: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2008-11/2008-11-2G.pdf>

**Credentialing and Certificated Assignments Committee**

**Information Item:**

- ***Report on the Assignment Monitoring Review for the San Francisco Unified School District:*** The commission continues to monitor and work closely with the San Francisco Unified School District to address the high number of ELL misassignments during the 2007-2008 academic year in that school district. CTC will also begin the 2008-09 academic year monitoring this month. The full report can be found at:  
<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2008-11/2008-11-3A.pdf>