

## Central Teacher Education Network (CTEN) Meeting Minutes September 26, 2024, 3:15 – 4:30 pm HB 313 and via Zoom

**In Attendance:** H. Abadiano, C. Christian, C. Ciotto, M. Ciscel, B. Clark, J. Cowans, D. DeCarlo, J. DeLaura B. Flinn, P. Foster, A. Fournier, R. Fuentes, A. Greenwell, M. Gunter, A. Loiselle, M. Mackey, K. McGrath, C. Mulcahy, S. O'Connor, A. Sargent, P. Talty, J. Thomas, J. Turner, J. Visone, J. Werblow, L. Zidani-Eroglu

**CTEN Meeting Minutes** - Approval of April 25 minutes. Motion moved (J. DeLaura & J. Visone). Minutes accepted.

### Announcements:

- Upcoming Meetings: Fall 2024 semester
  - Thursday, October 24, 2024 (3:15pm – 4:30pm)
  - Thursday, December 5, 2024 (3:15pm – 4:30pm) *\*replacing the November date\**
- CT STEM Academy – CCSU Teaching Fellows (J. Werblow)
  - Grant that will pay a stipend for students who are interesting certification training in STEM, can be for any subject area (UG & G). Two (2) Saturdays in November & December.
  - Check out the flyer [HERE](#).

### Dean's Office:

- Legislative Changes to Teacher Certification (P. Talty)
  - Adding a Cross Endorsements – additional course work no longer needed, Praxis or ACFTL will still be required for content areas.
    - Does not include Elementary Ed., TESOL, Special Education, Remedial Reading, or Library.
  - Expansion of Secondary Certification
    - Allowing certified teachers to teach from grades 4-12.
  - edTPA
    - Not a requirement for teacher certification. EPPs may use this as a diagnosis tool for accreditation.
    - CTEN to discuss a replacement to edTPA.
      - CFAST – information can be shared from the Dean's Office.
      - CAEP still requires an assessment for accreditation purposes. We will need time to gather data for evidence for next CAEP cycle.
  - CT Educators Standard Preparation and Certification Board (public meetings – all can attend)
    - Members include representative from two (2) higher education institutions (Quinnipiac & WCSU), representative from teacher unions, teachers, state reps from the CSDE, and alternate providers.
    - To discuss the continued testing through Praxis.
      - Decision to be made by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026
    - To discuss increased EPP responsibility
  - Certification Updates (as of July 2025):
    - Initial certification will be valid for 10 years.
      - If the candidate has served but has not become TEAM trained, they can renew up to three (3) times.
    - Provisional will be removed. No longer three (3) levels.
    - Advancing the Certificate to Professional
      - Changes to professional certification (need to be TEAM)
      - 50 months of successful experience, master's degree
  - Elementary Teacher Certification (as of July 1, 2026)
    - Update to PK -6
- Revisions to MAT Program (D. DeCarlo)
  - Currently being put through Curriculum (K. Love) – to be approved for Fall 2025
    - If approved, then we will request special approval from Provost to start cohort in Spring 2025
  - Credits Update:
    - Past: 49 credits
    - NEW: 39 credits
  - Spring start date (Spring to Spring)

- Student Teaching Semester (15 week): Past: 16cr, NEW: 8cr – 6cr student teaching, 1cr content area seminar, & 2cr capstone.
- All courses are aligned with the CSDE
- Field experience in each semester.
- Cohorts will be created.
- Teach for America (TFA) wants to partner with CCSU to be the springboard for secondary candidates.
- Where will the MAT be housed? TBD – optional MAT director
- Professional Program (D. DeCarlo)
  - 134 applications for Fall 2024 cycle
    - Portal is now open for faculty review. Deadline us October 17<sup>th</sup>
    - Overall: most programs saw an increase in applications this cycle
    - Additional information can be share once the cycle closes
  - New platform introduced SL&L
- Fall Programming (D. DeCarlo)
  - Professional Program Application Workshops will be held in November.
    - Additional information will be shared with students during the workshop about the changes including the new platform (SL&L).
- If student is interested in a change of major to an EPP – send to Donna or Nate (education advisor) they will complete the form and even offer review of academic timeline or long-term planning.
- CAEP Update (C. Ciotto)
  - Carol and Helen attend the 2024 CAEP Conference in Arlington, VA.
  - Accredited in 2022 for a 7-year cycle. During this time, we are required to submit annual CAEP report each spring (in April). Submitted and accepted in Spring 2024.
    - CHANGE: no longer accepts phase-in plans. Must be finalized before submission of next self-study.
  - In preparation:
    - Collaborated with OHIRA for an annual assessment report form.
    - May 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for the annual assessment report, this will be used for the 1 of 3 cycles for CAEP submission.
    - Helen & Carol will continue to meet with program coordinators to w provide feedback for their submission.
  - Self-study is due Spring 2028, with site visit (virtual) in Spring 2029.
    - This Fall (2024) will start required evidence for the self-study cycle, especially for those course that are only offered once a year. If your course meets each semester, then there will be additional times. The study requires 3 consecutive semesters for study.
  - CAEP Dinner Workshops:
    - Wednesday, 10/23 (Standard 1 & 1A) – time & location is TBD
    - Wednesday, 11/13 (Stand 2 & 2A) – time & location is TBD
    - Spring CAEP Dinner Workshops will be announced for Standard 3, 4, & 5.
  - EPP programs will transition from SPA reporting to CAEP Review of Content Standard 1.
- SL&L Update (C. Ciotto)
  - In process of full launch. We piloted in Spring 2024 with different 3 programs.
  - There are some technical issues – in process to get continued support from Watermark. A support team will be created including SL&L customer service, CCSU Blackboard support & support within Dean’s Office).
  - F. Abed is assisting with instructional material for faculty and students.
  - Training has been rescheduled – Wednesday, 10/30 & Wednesday, 11/6.
    - A sign-up link will be sent pro program coordinators. This training will be for those who have not had any training.
  - Follow up trainings will be offered in mid to late November with directions on reporting for assessment.
  - Student Info: any current students who currently/previously had an active Taskstream account (7-year subscription) have been moved to SL&L. However, if the student only had a 1-year subscription or their account has expired, they will need to purchase SL&L account \$139.00 (plus tax).
    - There will only be one (1) tier of subscription.
- Dual Enrollment (P. Talty)
  - President has created a taskforce for dual enrollment & concurrent enrollment
  - 27 partnership districts currently listed. We have added in 3 additional. **TOTAL of 30 districts.**
  - 800 students enrolled for AY24-25 (CLASS, Business, SED & SEST)

- Field Experience – Fall 2024
  - Over 258 placements have been completed so far – 3 approx. 25 students still to be placed.
  - Challenges with district changes in leadership, classroom teachers, and time commitments.
  - A discussion to review what field experience should look like. Task the Partnership/Accreditation subcommittee.
    - What is critical for student experience?
    - Full year placements
    - Look to see the processes of other area universities.

**CTEN Areas of Focus for 2024-2025:**

- Reorganize CTEN subcommittee structure to align with SEC reorganization
- Engage in CAEP Accreditation Work
- Provide input about possible alternatives to the edTPA assessment
- Provide input about the SED strategic plan
- Ensure programs are current with legislative changes to teacher certification
- Engage with District Partners to create Secondary Collaboration Bridge document
- Position CCSU as leader in Connecticut for teacher preparation

**Open Agenda:**

- School of Education Research & Reassigned Time (RRT) – email to be sent from the Dean’s Office

J. Turner motioned to end meeting, H. Abadiano second.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:28 pm.**