

Central Teacher Education Network (CTEN) Meeting Minutes

May 01, 2025, 3:15 – 4:30 pm HB 313 and via Zoom

In Attendance: H. Abadiano, B. Clark, C. Ciotto, A. Correia, D. DeCarlo, J. DeLaura, B. Flinn, A. Fournier, R. Fuentes, A. Greenwell, T. Goh, M. Gunter, K. Mcgrath, S. O'Connor, A. Sargent-Loy, N. Takemae, J. Thomas, J. Turner, J. Visone, R. Wolff, L. Zidani-Eroglu

CTEN Meeting Minutes - Approval of February 27 minutes. Motion moved (B. Clark & J. DeLaura). Minutes accepted.

General Announcements:

- Congratulations and best wishes to our retirees!

Dean's Office:

- Ethel Walker School Summer Horizon Program (J. Thomas)
 - Email to be sent to CTEN members.
- New Dean Meet & Greet Event (J. Visone)
 - Wednesday, May 14: 2 – 4pm in Barnard Hall Community Room
 - Save the Date – more details coming soon.
- edTPA & Student Teaching (P. Talty via J. Visone)
 - All students have submitted. Some have received a score of incomplete, the requirement was to submit. Students may choose to resubmit if they would like.
- Testing Vouchers (P. Talty via J. Visone)
 - No additional funds for vouchers have been given by the state.
 - Some test subjects still have vouchers available. Vouchers will expire in mid to late June 2025.
- Aspiring Educators Diversity Scholarship (P. Talty via J. Visone)
 - Legislature has set aside funding for this program to cont.
 - Students of color who are enrolled in an Educator Preparation Program may apply for \$5,000 per semester scholarship.
 - Email will be sent to students with link & flyer.
- Apprenticeship Program (P. Talty via J. Visone)
 - 5 students completed the program in Waterbury (including student teaching semester)
 - Unsure if the program will continue. State is waiting to hear about funding
- Assistant Dean for Professional Programs & Certification (P. Talty via J. Visone)
 - Search will begin in June.
 - P. Talty will continue as Certification Officer until new hire and trained. This position will work in collaboration with D. DeCarlo on field experience placement. They will also serve as liaison to the CSDE.
- Residency Program Update (P. Talty via J. Visone)
 - Cohort in MS Elementary in Fall
 - MAT cohort in Spring 2026
 - Inspire Teacher Residency (Special Education) will continue current cohort and new cohort with east & west of river districts participation.
- Placement Updates (P. Talty via J. Visone)
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- CAEP Updates (C. Ciotto & H. Abadiano)
 - In addition to the CAEP workshop (standard 1, 2, & 3), we have been working on the annual assessment report. April 30 annual assessment report was submitted this past Monday (4/28).
 - CAEP workshops for 2025-2026 will include overview of standards 4 & 5
 - Annual Assessment (review of data collection, analysis of data, and how to report). Sharing the format that CAEP is looking to be used.
 - Deep Dive Workshops: focus on content standards 1 & 2
 - Begin complying data evident and work on the first draft of the CAEP self-study report. Due Spring 2027
- CFAST Training and Question Responses (C. Ciotto & H. Abadiano)
 - Information resources were sent out to CTEN members and program coordinators.
 - Dean's Office to host a CFAST Overview Sessions on Friday, 5/2 for university supervisors.

- Following the workshop, training information will be sent to the university supervisors and program coordinators.
 - University supervisors are required to complete and pass the assessment to continue supervising for Fall.
- Plans to host additional oversight or workshop may be held on an as needed basis.
- SL&L Update (C. Ciotto & H. Abadiano)
 - If you (faculty & staff) or student are experiences any issues, please reach out to C. Ciotto & H. Abdaiano to help with troubleshooting.
 - Program Coordinators were emailed and invited for Monday, 5/19 for a training session on how to run reports.
 - Anyone who runs reports or has a key assessment in a course
 - Additional training will be announced as needed.
 - Deadline extension: June 15 for annual assessment reports
 - Resumed work with Dr. Abed to create a resource guidebook for faculty, students, and university supervisors

Document with overview for CAEP, CFAST & SL&L notes.

- Secondary Bridge Document Update (L. Scharfenberger)
 - **Secondary Bridge Document**
 - 4 meetings, representative from CCSU faculty, program coordinators and department chairs, including district partners (teachers, central office, & principals)
- Spring Student Education Programing Update (D. DeCarlo)
 - Professional Program Application workshops (3 workshops) – 45 registered/35 attended
 - Advising for the Sophomore Year (2 workshops) – target audience: second semester Secondary & K-12 students – 32 registered/30 attended
 - D. DeCarlo met with 39 students for long-term planning sessions (individually)
- Fall Professional Program Application Update (D. DeCarlo)
 - Due September 10 – email and live date in mid-June
 - Students can contact D. DeCarlo to review if they are ready to apply
- Teach for America (D. DeCarlo)
 - Was discussed under *Residency Program Update*

Subcommittee Reports:

- Research Reassigned Time (RRT)
 - No Report. Work was completed in the Fall.
- Partnership (L. Scharfenberger & M. Gunter)
 - No report. Was discussed in *Dean's Office Announcements and Updates*
- Assessment Subcommittee (C. Ciotto & H. Abadiano)
 - Invited Yvonne Kirby & Martie K from OIRA to join the Assessment Subcommittee.
 - Provides institutional updates and/or needs on their part that are applicable on assessment within the EPP for our programs.
 - In addition to asking questions of them or to help in relation for CAEP and assessments.
 - Focus work for Spring semester has been on Standard #3.
 - Fall 2025 will continue the work on Standard #3 and begin work Standards #4 & #5
- Strategic Planning, Policy & Procedures
 - No Report.

CTEN Director and Subcommittee Nominations and Voting

- Subcommittee Self Nominations:
 - Research Reassigned Time (RRT) – S. Holder, C. Mulcahy, & N. Takemae
 - Partnership – M. Gunter, L. Scharfenberger, & J. Visone
 - Assessment – C. Ciotto, H. Abadiano, B. Flinn, T. Goh & N. Takemae
- Subcommittee voting: All in favor*
- CTEN Director: Voting will take place after meeting via email ballot
 - C. Mulcahy

CTEN Areas of Focus for 2024-2025:

- Reorganize CTEN subcommittee structure to align with SED 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

Meeting adjourned at 4:28 pm.