

## **CCAC Highlights – March 2010 CTC Meeting Agenda Alert and follow up Highlights**

In this alert CCAC has highlighted some agenda items that may be of importance to you. There are items both for **action**, which means the commissioners will be voting on these items to be implemented, and items for **information**, which are to inform commissioners and the public for possible future action and research.

**The items of importance are followed up by specific action and information from the meeting. See below.**

### **Important Agenda Action Items**

#### **Item 5A: LEGISLATION: Status of Legislation (Information) and Item 5B Analysis of Bills (Action))**

This item is always interesting to listen to as the bills that are passed eventually come to us as regulations to be implemented. For example AB 1374 updates Adult Education credentials. Meeting Day: grandfathering clause for Adult Ed. Fear that old credentials might not be honored.

For more information on the bills the Commission is following see:

[www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2010-03/2010-03-5A.pdf](http://www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2010-03/2010-03-5A.pdf)

[www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2010-03/2010-03-5B.pdf](http://www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2010-03/2010-03-5B.pdf)

#### **Item 1H Public Hearing on English Learner and Bilingual Authorizations**

The public hearing on the new English Learner and Bilingual Authorizations will be heard at 1:00. This hearing will consider changes in EL and Bilingual Authorizations in response to the passage of AB 1871 Coto (2008), a Commission sponsored bill. The Public hearing follows two presentations of the proposals at prior Commission meetings, the first as an information item and the second as an action item. If the proposals pass during the hearing they will become official after review by the Office of Administrative Law.

**Meeting Day:** The new Bilingual authorizations will allow for greater flexibility and an opportunity to complete either concurrent with the basic program or add on after completion of a credential.

### **Non-Action/Information Agenda Items of Interest**

#### **Item 2B Review of program standards for library/media teachers**

Commission staff is proposing convening a panel to review requirements for the Teacher Librarian Services credential.

For more information see the agenda item:

[www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2010-03/2010-03-2B.pdf](http://www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2010-03/2010-03-2B.pdf)

**Meeting Day:** Concern was raised about the Library positions that are being cut. There was acknowledgement of that but it was also expressed that we continue to have need.

#### **Item 2C: Foundational Mathematics and Science**

To date no program sponsors have written approved programs for these two areas because the requirements do not fit with any existing course offerings. This information item proposes changes to bring the approved program more into alignment with majors offered by program sponsors.

**Meeting Day:** The requirements in the preconditions mean that the mandatory units are the same for a Foundational Level as is required for the full Math Subject Matter. The requirement of 30 core units is not possible with most campus programs for Foundational Level. Each Reducing the core to 20 and the

extended study to 12 for a total of 32 would make a more reasonable requirement with an alignment to the exam. A similar challenge is presented with the Foundational General Science credential. Staff is proposing that the number of units change from 45 to 32. Commissioner Young expressed some concern about the subject matter process.

For more information see the agenda item:

[www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2010-03/2010-03-2C.pdf](http://www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2010-03/2010-03-2C.pdf)

**Item 2D: Length of teacher preparation programs**

At the present time program precondition 1 limits the length of multiple and single subject credential programs to one year. This information item discusses the struggle to meet this requirement in light of the many requirements added since the implementation of the current credential laws, including EL, technology etc.

**Meeting Day Note:** Dr. Larry Birch pointed out the limitation of length of program for MS and SS programs, better known as unit cap. Through accreditation activities it has become apparent that staying within the one year limit while also including the many required items that have been added in the past 10 years is difficult.

Considerable conversation took place regarding the unit cap and the fact that California prohibits an education degree.

For more information see the agenda item:

[www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2010-03/2010-03-2D.pdf](http://www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2010-03/2010-03-2D.pdf)

Item 3B Title V regulations have been amended to include some typo corrections and some technical changes. There are no program changes at this time. Passed

Item 4A: Fiscal Policy Allows for Workers Comp coverage.

**Two new Commissioners are expected to be sworn in at the meeting:**

**Brenda Victoria Castillo** of Whittier, Director of western region government and public affairs for BP America. Castillo is a Republican.

**Dan Chernow, Ed.D.** of Los Angeles, Executive director of the school management program for UCLA. Chernow is a Democrat.

Both appointments require Senate confirmation. Their appointments will reduce the number of vacant commission seats to 5.

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