

**GCEC Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, March 9, 2016  
5:30 p.m., UOG SOE Building**

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

GCEC Acting Chair Baza-Cruz called the meeting to order at **5:30 p.m.**, Wed, Mar 9, 2016 at the UOG - SOE, Room 213, Mangilao.

Commission Members: Lisa Baza-Cruz, Elisabeth Ichihara-Rosario, Lisa Cooper-Nurse and Michelle Santos

Absent: Gayle Hendricks (Excused)

Others Present: Lou Benavente (GEB), John Sanchez (SOE), Doris Faisao & Katherina Perez (GDOE)

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M Santos discussed that on Page 5 under Announcements, she questioned how administrators who no longer maintained their teaching certificates could maintain their administrator's certificate. She was posing a question and wanted clarification on this issue.

**Motion by M Santos and seconded by Cooper-Nurse to approve the minutes. APPROVED.**

III. REPORTS

A. TREASURER'S REPORT

Ichihara-Rosario reported that as of Mar. 9, 2016, Expenditures were \$81,189.75, and the balance for the Local account was \$195,162.05.

For the Appropriation Account, FY16 rollover appropriated funds is \$29,528.47, Total FY 2016 Expenditures is \$8,614.88 and a balance of \$21,067.09

No new fees were collected from the UOG Business Office since the last meeting.

**Motion by M Santos and seconded by Cooper-Nurse to approve the Treasurer's Report. APPROVED.**

B. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

No report.

C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

From Feb. 6 – Mar 4, 2016, GCEC issued 23 certificates. There were 68 walk-ins, 207 emails and 315 telephone calls with the following breakdown.

- 57      18%    Office info – location, office hours, etc.
- 52      17%    Others

- 51 17% Renewal requirements
- 47 15% PRAXIS
- 26 9% DOE
- 25 8% Initial info
- 20 7% SOE
- 13 4% Endorsements
- 6 1% Costs of Certificates
- 6 1% Reciprocity
- 6 1% Replacement certificates
- 2 1% Educator file / records
- 2 1% Extensions

#### OPERATIONS

- NASDTEC survey on the Regional Accreditation requirement

The packet includes the NASDTEC survey report on the Regional Accreditation Requirement that was requested by GCEC.

**Motion by Ichihara-Rosario and seconded by Cooper-Nurse to approve the Executive Directors report. APPROVED.**

#### D. SUB-COMMITTEE

No reports.

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

##### A. LIST OF PRAXIS II CONTENT TESTS

###### a. Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications – Test #5354

Baza Cruz and M Santos reviewed the Praxis II tests. Test #5354 is the current test that is required for Special Ed. Test #5018 is used for K-5 content knowledge test requirement. M Santos explained #5354 is similar to the PLT so students working on Special Ed certification are taking almost the same PLT test twice rather than measuring their content knowledge in Math, Science, Social Studies and English.

Special Ed needs a content test and the recommendation is to require #5018 and use #5354 for those seeking endorsements, rather than taking 15 credits.

M Santos and Baza-Cruz will make their recommendations at the next meeting.

Currently, Special Ed certificates are K-12. A discussion was held to possibly separate primary and secondary Special Ed. Faisao (GDOE) explained that when there is a vacancy for a secondary Special Ed teacher, they look at the content area of the Special Ed teacher.

##### B. NASDTEC Educator Ethics course

L Santos reported that NASDTEC has finally received their payment so commission members can now take the course.

C. Early Childhood certificates

a. PLT Early Childhood – Test #5621

Cooper-Nurse will make the recommendations at the next meeting.

D. Bill 209-33 to amend PL 32-236

L Santos reported that a meeting was scheduled for Mar 11 with Speaker Won Pat, Sen. Underwood, GCEC and GFT regarding the union’s position for GCEC to wait for the completion of GDOE Civil Service Commission cases.

E. Requirement for Regional Accreditation

The meeting packet included the NASDTEC survey result on requiring educators to complete an educator preparation program from a regionally accredited institution. Of the 24 respondents, 41% requires regional accreditation, 30% did not, and, balance had comments.

F. DOE update on the requirement for School Administrators to maintain valid teaching certificates

Benavente (GEB) stated that in the past, DOE required all School Administrators to maintain a valid teaching certificate. However this policy changed. Currently, some administrators do not have valid teaching certificates. Faisao (GDOE) will check when this requirement changed.

V. New Business

A. Good to Great update

Sanchez discussed SOE’s future plans and reported that there will be four paths to get certification.

1. SOE will continue their B.A. degree in education.
2. 4 year path – (BAEd) - Double Major in both Education and the Content area
3. 5 year path - BA Plus program - After a student finishes their bachelor’s degree, they return for a 5<sup>th</sup> year to complete their teaching credential. BA Plus program is prevalent in the mainland.
4. 6 year path – These are for career changers who have completed their bachelors and want a career change. Currently, SOE has an MAT (Masters of Arts in Teaching) program in Secondary Ed. SOE is developing an MAT in Elementary Ed. that commences this Fall for the 2016/17 catalog.

Sanchez explained that the new programs are getting finalized and will be calling for meetings with the stakeholders. The BA Plus and the Double Major starts in the 2017/18 catalog.

Starting in the Fall 2016/17 catalog, the Special Ed., Early Childhood and ESL (English as a Second Language) programs will be eliminated and these concentrations will become add-ons within the Elementary Ed degree.

VI Ex-Officio

- VII Announcements
- VII Executive Session
- IX Adjournment

Adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

**Motion by M Santos and seconded by Ichihara-Rosario to adjourn.  
APPROVED.**

*Next meeting scheduled for May 11, 2016.*