

**Central Texas Tech Prep Consortium
Quarterly Board Meeting
Killeen Workforce Center, Killeen, Texas
December 4, 2002**

Minutes

Members Present:

Laurel Blair, Killeen ISD
Laurelyn Carlisle, Central Texas College
June Coleman, Marble Falls ISD
Debbie Gommert, Central Texas Workforce Center
Misty Harrell, Temple College
Dr. Gail Hill, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
Sharon Holleman, Temple Education Foundation
Debra Hull, Copperas Cove ISD
Elaine Passman, First United Methodist Church Child Development Center
Crickett Rogers, Central Texas College
Bernhard Suppan, Horseshoe Bay Resort
Danette Toone, Temple College
Ken Von Gonten, Belton ISD
Wanda Williams, Central Texas Workforce Development Board
Carla Kay Wright, College of Cosmetology

Members Absent:

Kay Archer, Temple ISD
Jody Askins, Wilsonart International, Inc.
Jeffrey Ballom, Temple College
John Brewer, Brewer Enterprises
Kathy Gentry, ESC Region 12
Charles Stout, Temple College Emeritus

Staff:

Dr. S. Chuck McCarter, Director
Sherry Hollinger, Assistant Director

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 AM by Debra Hull. Current Board members introduced themselves and described their fields of service. Member-elect Bernhard Suppan was introduced by June Coleman and subsequently elected to serve on the Board.

Subgrants:

Debbie Gommert, chair of the subgrant committee, reported on the subgrant committee's activities for the fall. The committee met initially and reviewed and revised the application for subgrants and the rating criteria. Director Chuck

McCarter rated the applicants on their participation with Tech Prep (maximum of 25 points). The committee reviewed and rated each application (maximum of 75 points). Applications were discussed in order of ranking. (The highest possible score was 100 points.) Some subgrants were only partially funded. Debbie distributed a listing of subgrants awarded. After a brief discussion, Debbie thanked the other committee members (Jody Askins, Dr. Gail Hill, Elaine Passman and Wanda Williams) for their service.

1st Quarter Reports:

Chuck gave a preliminary report for the first quarter of the year as the report from the fiscal agent was not yet available. He reported that the Consortium is on target percentage-wise for the year.

Sherry Hollinger reported on some of the Consortium activities for the fall. The Consortium held a **SWAP Summit** on September 17, 2002, where approximately 50 secondary career and technology teachers from 16 area high schools received Part I and Part II training for the program. College faculty from Central Texas College and Temple College participated in Part II (subject specific) of the training. **“Tech Prep and Students with Disabilities”** was the topic of a workshop on October 17, 2002, at Region 12 in Waco. Dr. Linda Parrish from Texas A&M University was keynote speaker, and Richard Evans, doctoral candidate from Texas A&M, discussed his experiences of learning to cope with learning disabilities from a personal point of view. The workshop was a collaborative effort between Region 12 Education Service Center, Heart of Texas Tech Prep and Central Texas Tech Prep. Chuck, Sherry & Misty participated in the **Mid-Tex College Night** at the Bell County Expo Center on October 15, 2002. Approximately 5,000 students and parents were in attendance. Linda Davis from Region 12 Education Service Center was the main speaker at a Consortium workshop held October 18, 2002, at Temple College. The title of the workshop was **De-mystify the mystery of PEIMS**. PEIMS data for Tech Prep was highlighted. Sherry also reported the Consortium facilitated an **Agriculture Articulation Meeting** November 20, 2002, on the campus of Central Texas College. The workshop was to review, update and/or establish local articulation agreements in agriculture for Central Texas ISDs. A total of 22 high school agriculture faculty, CATE administrators, and college faculty met.

Sherry also reported on the **ISD visits** for the fall. Chuck, Misty and Sherry divided up the districts and met with counselors, principals, superintendents and teachers. The visits were well received and the people eager to hear about Tech Prep and the Statewide Articulation Program. Materials distributed during the visits included the new Consortium Tech Prep brochures, “Earning College Credit in Texas High Schools” Counselors’ Guides, Tech Prep stamps, website information, state brochures and regional labor market information.

Misty reported on some of her ISD visits during the **Coordinators’ reports**. She is seeing more Tech Prep students each semester. Crickett Rogers reported she

has made numerous visits to high schools in her area and works closely with Laurel Blair from Killeen ISD. Crickett indicated it is difficult to obtain speaking time in the classrooms as their schedules and curriculum leave little time.

Board officers:

Laurel Blair reported the Nominating Committee met via email. The committee recommended Debra Hull serve as Chairperson and Debbie Gommert serve as Vice Chairperson. A motion to elect Debra Hull and Debbie Gommert passed.

Bylaws:

Debra reported the bylaws committee met to review the bylaws. Many of the committees are not active, so it was recommended they become ad hoc committees to be formed as needed. The committee functions will remain in the bylaws. Terminology was changed to be consistent throughout the document. Also, board members will serve staggered three-year terms. Members can be re-elected to serve multiple terms. After a brief discussion, a motion was made and passed to accept the revised bylaws. Board members with terms ending in 2003 are Jody Askins, Crickett Rogers, Danette Toone, Carla Wright, Debbie Gommert, Charles Stout, and Jeffrey Ballom. Members with terms ending in 2004 are Kay Archer (replacing Anne MacEwan who moved to another district), Debra Hull, Ken Von Gonten, Laurelyn Carlisle, Dr. Gail Hill, Misty Harrell, Kathy Gentry, and Wanda Williams. Members with terms ending in 2005 are Sharon Holleman, June Coleman, Laurel Blair, John Brewer, Elaine Passman, and Bernhard Suppan.

Upcoming Activities:

Sherry reported the local **Counselors' Network** will receive \$1,000 again this year to help fund counselor workshops. The steering committee met November 1, 2002, to discuss issues of concern and workshop ideas. Two or three workshop will be planned for the Spring, including "Women in Technology".

Chuck discussed the **Tech Prep Ambassador** program which would involve students as advocates for Tech Prep. High school junior Tech Prep students along with their teachers would be trained to promote Tech Prep. A small scholarship would be offered as an incentive. Jody Askins from Wilsonart is helping in the initiative to bring in business partners to help fund the scholarships. Dr. Gail Hill suggested the students could go back and train other students to be advocates as well. Sharon Holleman suggested that the student ambassadors could visit the high schools clubs and junior high schools. Bernhard Suppan said it would be important to sell the programs to parents as they are influential in choices the students make. A Tech Prep Ambassador Committee composed of Ken Von Gonten, Laurel Blair, Sharon Holleman, June Coleman, Bernhard Suppan and Misty Harrell was formed to draft an outline for the program.

Other Business:

Ken Von Gonten discussed how the statewide focus on the **Recommended Graduation plan** could impact CATE and Tech Prep. With the Recommended Plan, there is not much room for CATE courses in a student's schedule. Danette suggested a "Tech Prep" or "Technology" Plan as an option. Also, students could take courses such as Spanish, Algebra and Science in Middle School. Other suggestions included having professional organizations rally and having students speak to the Governor.

Chuck relayed information about **Perkins re-authorization** received at the last Quarterly Director's Meeting. Rob Franks, who oversees Perkins funding at the state level, feels it will be re-authorized, but the money normally set aside for Tech Prep will go directly to the colleges. The 26 consortia may cease to exist. There will probably be a two to three year window before that happens. A statewide marketing plan is underway. Texas is in good shape with the numbers participating. Chuck would like to see Tech Prep have a larger presence on the college campuses and asked for suggestions. Laurelyn said having teachers come on campus (as in the Agriculture Articulation Meeting) was a good step.

Adjournment:

The next Board Meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 5, 2003. The meeting was adjourned by Debra Hull at 1:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Chuck McCarter