

Council on Teacher Education Agenda
Meeting Date: September 14, 2023, 2pm, Buzzard 1445

1. **Approval of minutes:** April 26, 2023

2. **Item(s) to be added:**

- A. **23-01- SPE/CPDH “C2C” PROGRAM-** As pre-service special educators exit the university and enter their own classrooms and programs; it is our goal to provide on-going support and professional development. This will be accomplished through a variety of means and approaches including but not limited to: Live webinars, discussions, recorded PD Videos demonstrating best practices (e.g. instructional strategies, effective management techniques, new technology, etc) video coaching and reflection, in person conferences, virtual book clubs, PLC, etc. Zoom, along with a learning management system, and website will allow distance participation to be tracked and participants will be responsible for recording their own involvement. Hours and activities will be verified before CPDHs are awarded. The C2C program is a previously approved program through summer 2023. It is now to renew the program through summer of 2024.
- B. **23-02- SEL/ Illinois Council for the Social Studies 2023 Fall Conference, Harper College-** We will have sessions connecting to this year’s conference theme: **“The New Social Studies: Expanding Narratives and Technologies”**. With focus on providing practical experiences for classroom teachers, presenters bring to the conference innovative teaching methods, successful lesson plans, useful resources, and other sessions that are of interest to the social studies community. ICSS particularly welcomes sessions that challenge teachers to explore new pedagogies or lines of thinking and sessions that highlight historically marginalized voices or perspectives. ICSS encourages proposals that include co-presenters or group presenters. Tentative topics include:

Integration of revised Illinois Social Studies Learning Standards into classroom practices
Standards-based grading in Social Studies
Primary source analysis techniques
Creating and maintaining culturally responsive classrooms
Deep questioning techniques
Building positive relationships with colleagues and parents in an era of politically charged curriculum
Building equitable classroom libraries
Engaging in difficult conversations
Technology integration in the Social Studies Classroom

- C. **23-03- SEL-CPDH-Mini-Conference: Managing the Responsive Classroom Environment-** This mini-conference is designed to help new and preservice teachers with an area most teachers report struggling in: classroom management. Hoping to tie effective management with culturally responsive teaching, we have invited teachers in Central Illinois to share what has worked with them at a variety of grade levels. The day will begin at 8:30 with teachers checking in and being welcomed by our RSO officers, then a keynote speech from Lindsey Jensen (2018 Illinois Teacher of the Year) will start the formal part of the day. Lindsey will share her perspectives on thoughtful, culturally responsive classroom management as a former high school teacher. Then, teachers will split up into breakout groups. They will choose from the following sessions:

- *How Structure Can Build a Positive Learning Environment*
- *Differentiating Classroom Management*

- *Getting Students Off Their Phones*
- *Classroom Management as a First Year Teacher*
- *Aspiring Educator Micro Credential Opportunities*
- *Structure, Safety, and Science*
- *Inclusion*

3. Items for discussion (executive action items, no vote required):

4. Action Items:

- A. 23-01 SPE/CPDH “C2C” PROGRAM
- B. 23-02 SEL/ Illinois Council for the Social Studies 2023 Fall Conference, Harper College
- C. 23-03 SEL/CPDH Mini-Conference: Managing the Responsive Classroom Environment

5. COTE 2023-2024 Officer Elections:

- A. Vice Chair-

6. Teacher Ed Update & Executive Director’s Report:

- A. ISBE Updates
- B. Other

7. Adjournment

Remaining 2023-2024 Meetings:

- September 28, 2023**
- October 12, 2023**
- October 26, 2023**
- November 9, 2023**
- November 23, 2023**
- December 14, 2023**
- December 28, 2023 (break)**
- January 11, 2024**
- January 25, 2024**
- February 8, 2024**
- February 22, 2024**
- March 14, 2024**
- March 28, 2024**
- April 11, 2024**
- April 25, 2024**