

Minnesota Association of Colleges for Teacher Education

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MACTE Minute - November 4, 2016

MACTE would like to take this opportunity to share with you information about the MACTE Fall Business Meeting that occurred yesterday and the Fall Conference happening today.

We are very appreciative of the presence of BOT and MDE staff at our Business Meeting yesterday. MACTE meetings provide the opportunity for faculty and administration from Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) to experience direct communication with BOT and MDE. Participation by Erin, JoAnn, Alex, Nels, Emily, Sue, Jay and Tyler supports clarity in communication between the IHEs and state agencies.

This year MACTE has chosen *Engaging All Voices: The Power of Professional Community* as our theme. In congruence with our mission, “bringing together schools, colleges and departments of education to provide leadership in the preparation of highly qualified professional educators” our Fall Conference includes three strands for MN teacher education programs to share “best” or “promising” practice. Today, faculty/administrators from MN institutions are presenting on topics related to Diversity, Program Effectiveness & Quality, and Technology. Presentations within these three strands will share practices regarding:

- Increasing teachers of color and American Indians
- Working with racially and ethnically diverse students
- Personalizing diversity activities
- Piloting year long student teaching
- Engaging stakeholders in data analysis to measure program effectiveness
- Evaluating assessment instruments utilizing CAEP’s assessment rubric
- Developing viable measures of beginning teacher effectiveness
- Integrating the iPad in K-12 classrooms
- Creating collaborative learning experiences in online courses

Additionally, MACTE participants will hear from Abdul Wright, MN Teacher of the Year. Abdul will be presenting on *Reinventing the Narrative: The Cultural Diversification of Practitioners and Practice*.

At the end of today’s session members will have the opportunity to share their thoughts for future direction for MACTE in a session titled, *Engaging our Voices: Bringing our Community Together*.

We encourage members of the Board of Teaching to visit our website for more information about MACTE as well as details about our Fall meetings <http://mnacte.org/fall-2016-meeting-and-congress/> and we welcome Board member attendance at upcoming meetings, February 9th & 10th; April 6th & 7th.

Thank you for this opportunity to share this information with you today.