I. Welcome and introductions – Dr. David Rock

II. School of Education update – Dr. David Rock

   a. Dr. Susan McClelland named Chair of Teacher Education
   b. METP
      i. Incoming class of 18 students
      ii. Average ACT of 29
      iii. Average GPA 4.0
   c. Senior Year Placement beginning when K-12 begins
      i. Mathematics Education seniors stated when teachers at Oxford High School reported last year.
      ii. English Education will follow the same model this year
      iii. Goal is for all teacher education candidates to use this model

III. Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators

   https://www.ets.org/praxis/about/core/

   Reading (56 Questions in 85 minutes)
   Math (56 Questions in 85 minutes)
   Writing (2 sections – 40 questions in 40 minutes then 2 essays in 60 minutes)

   First round/Preliminary pass results for state
   Reading 66%
   Math 33%
   Writing 35%

   Mississippi has adopted the national recommended score

   Dr. Rock indicated that universities in the state are concerned about low passage rate on the new CORE test. Some institutions have asked MDE to consider lowering the passing score.

   Dr. Rock is not in favor of lowering the score.

   TEC members present unanimously agreed that the passing score should NOT be lowered.
IV. Praxis II Content Mathematics Test is the first contest test to be re-validated. Mississippi has adopted the recommended passing score.

New passing score is 160 (the national recommended score)

Mathematics Teacher Education candidates are doing as well when compared to the previous test. Potential alternate route candidates are having difficulty passing the new test because of a lack of mathematics content knowledge.

V. Impacts of plus/minus grades on education candidates

Dr. Rock indicated that the Department of Teacher Education voted not to use +/− on professional education courses. Teacher Education requirements state

*A minimum grade of "C" is expected in all professional education courses, content courses, and related courses. If this minimum of "C" is not met, the course(s) must be retaken before enrolling in the next level of professional education courses.*

Dr. Rock indicated that the goal of this requirement was to not allow a grade of D or F. The question is whether a C- would be acceptable. With the current language, a C- is not acceptable.

Dr. Rock asked representatives from Liberal Arts about the policy in their majors. Dr. Goulet indicated that majors in Biology must have a C or better in all Biology courses. C- is not accepted. Dr. Ward indicated that majors in History must have a C or better in all History courses. C- is not accepted. Dr. Worthy indicated that majors in Music must have a C or better in all Music courses. C- is not accepted.

VI. Dr. Rock described the new policy at Ole Miss that Ole Miss student get 4 forgiveness grades. The forgiveness policy can only be used for Ole Miss Courses. A student at a community college cannot use the forgiveness policy for a course taken at the community college twice. Both grades are calculated in the overall GPA at Ole Miss when transferring. This is a disadvantage for transfer students.

The members unanimously agreed that this policy should be examined for transfer students at Ole Miss.

VII. NCATE/CAEP Accreditation On-Site Visit March 29 – March 31

a. Self Study due to CAEP in August
b. Off Site Visit in November