**Guest:** Cindy Thresher led the discussion concerning the MSU COE Alternative Certification program. Murray State University is a leader in the state with its partnership with school districts being outstanding. Discussion included the requirement to have employment before entering the Alternative Certification program and the Tennessee Alternative Certification program.

**Old Business**
- NCATE has approved the possibility of states approving a 7 year accreditation cycle. Kentucky has yet to decide if it will be on the 5 or 7 year cycle. They also approved the requirement for programs to have an 80% pass rate on the praxis exams in order to meet standard 1.
- 2+2 Program Evaluation-Handout
- Faculty Retreat Agenda-Handout

**New Business**

**Informational**
- Deans’ Meeting Update-
  - Budget has been approved
  - KATE web page has received state-level recognition
  - Passport to Success-Freshman
  - Pin System-extended to Sophomores
  - Summer enrollment has dropped
  - External Peer Review of Research and Creative Activity draft document, which will be used before faculty go up for tenure/promotion. Please see your department chair or Dr. Wall if you would like to see a draft of this document. This will go into effect fall 2004.
  - The Fact Book will contain grant information
  - New Degree Program-Handout available
- There are 18 faculty, 25 student workers/GA and 26 staff remaining to have their computers updated to the XP. Please contact Micah Suggs at the KATE office to have a time set up. If the student workers/GA’s are in your department, please call Micah and have those computers updated ASAP. Laptops will be updated last.
- Windows 98 will not be supported nor will it have any patches.
- The 2003 Education Football Night has been set up for September 20. More details coming.