

Minutes of the Vocational Education Advisory Committee
Valdosta State University
November 30, 1995

Members in attendance:

Phyllis Teepell, Nancy Elsberry, Joanna Jones, Iris Ellis, Wendy Moore, Jessica Everingham, Ken Baker, Ann Warren, Lloyd Shaddix, Keith Middleton, Donnie McGahee, Mary Alice Griffin, Mary Willis, Carolyn Cox, Randy McElvey, Ann Adams, Rusty McClung, Brian Garavalia, J. D. Thomerson, Sam Harvill, Jack Byrd, Arnie Murdock, and Patty Anderson.

Members not in attendance:

Robert Howell, Bill Christopher, Todd Williams, Charles Woods, Wylene Byles, Addie Cobb, Larry Moore, and Charles Backes.

The meeting was called to order by Patty Anderson, Chairperson, at 7:04 p.m., in Room 244 in the Education Center.

Patty Anderson, Advisory Committee Chair, welcomed everyone. Since this was the first meeting of the academic year, introductions were made by all in attendance. A 1995-96 membership list was handed out.

Donnie McGahee, V. E. Department Head, welcomed everyone and made the following announcements:

- o Mr. Arnie Murdock has been hired by our department as of September, 1995. He will teach TT&I courses.
- o For the academic year 1996-97, we have requested one additional position for the Department.
- o Several department members will be giving presentations at professional conferences: Arnie Murdock will be presenting at the 1995 AVA conference in December; Mary Alice Griffin, Randy McElvey, Patty Anderson, and Donnie McGahee will be presenting in Athens this coming February at the Southeastern Business Education Conference; Randy McElvey and J. D. Thomerson will be presenting at the 1996 NBEA conference in April; and Mary Alice Griffin and Donnie McGahee have published papers.
- o Jack Byrd has recently completed his doctoral comprehensive examinations at Florida State University.

Ann Adams is working on her doctoral program at UGA and is currently completing her second quarter.

- o NCATE--We just finished the NCATE visitation and have passed with flying colors. COE received exemplary commendations in the areas of technology and collegiality among faculty.
- o BAS degree program--We are waiting for approval from the Board of Regents on a new program, Bachelor of Applied Science Degree; major in Technical Studies. This program will articulate with COC technical institutes to provide individuals with an opportunity to complete a four-year degree.

Business Education Announcements

- o Randy McElvey announced that the Fourth Annual South Georgia Business Education Conference will be held on April 19, 1996. He requested that if anyone knows of somebody who would be interested in presenting at next year's conference, please contact him.

Technical, Trade & Industrial Education Announcements

- o Rusty McClung announced that there were no changes to the undergraduate TT&I program at this time.

Doctoral Program Announcements

- o Rusty McClung announced that the doctoral program will begin at VSU this January. Eight students have been accepted into the Adult and Vocational Education program component.

Internship Program

- o Mary Willis announced that this year's internship program has once again been very beneficial for the students and the companies involved. She has been able to place most of the students in jobs that are associated with their future professional endeavors. Copies of the Vocational Education Newsletter were handed out.

Georgia Postsecondary Education Collaborative Council (GPECC) and Blue Ribbon Panel

- o Randy McElvey discussed the objective of GPECC, which is

to help develop a bridge of education between technical schools and Board of Regents' schools. He handed out the program sheets for the BAS degree.

- o Randy McElvey also talked about the Blue Ribbon Panel. This panel was assembled by Linda Schrenko, State Superintendent of Schools. The panel, which is composed of principals, secondary and postsecondary teachers, state department staff, and university personnel, met in November. Members were encouraged to speak their minds regarding State Department of Education operations and, specifically, about the organizational effectiveness of the vocational/career education at the state level. The theme is "Revitalization and Change," and the evaluation process will continue over the next 18 months. A copy of the major points discussed is attached.

General Comments

All non-VSU committee members in the room were asked to discuss briefly what is new at their institutions. Most discussion centered around the School-to-Work program. Lloyd Shaddix shared information about the program at Tifton.

The next meeting of the Advisory Committee is scheduled for April, 1996. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lynn Anderson, Chairperson