

Minutes of the Vocational Education Advisory Committee
Valdosta State University
October 30, 1997

Members in attendance:

Sharon Walker, Mark Wilson, Carol Dugger, Keith Middleton, Lynne Wilson, Iris Ellis, Beth Koetz, Carla Houston, Tim Robinson, Tana Long, Donnie McGahee, Charles Backes, Rusty McClung, Mary Alice Griffin, Mary Willis, Carolyn Cox, Randy McElvey, Ann Adams, Brian Garavalia, J. D. Thomerson, Sam Harvill, Arnie Murdock, Susan Jennings, and Patty Anderson.

Members not in attendance:

Bill Christopher, Todd Williams, Joanna Jones, Lloyd Shaddix, Laurie Fontaine, Theresa Clark, Kevin Cronin, and Larry Moore.

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

Patty Anderson, welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

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

- o Two tenure-track faculty positions were filled: Mrs. Susan Jennings, Business Education, and Dr. Brian Garavalia, TT & I.
- o The PRAXIS national test is now being used by Valdosta State University in the College of Education. PRAXIS I is required of all students applying for entrance into the teacher education program. Most students will take the PRAXIS I by the end of their sophomore year. PRAXIS II, which replaced the TCT, tests the students' content knowledge as well as teaching methodology and is taken at the completion of the students' program.
- o The Banner program is now being used throughout the University for registration, accessing students' records, and course information. A new graphical user interface (GUI) version of the program will be implemented this winter.
- o During the year 2000, the College of Education will be going through both SACS and NCATE accreditation process. The College is starting to prepare for these visits.

Gulf South Business and Vocational Education Conference

- o Ann Adams announced that our 6th annual conference will be held on April 17, 1998. Ann requested that if anyone knows of somebody who would be interested in presenting at next year's conference, please contact her. Mary Alice Griffin has agreed to be editor of the conference proceedings.

Semester Conversion

- o New semester program sheets were handed out to all committee members. A review of each program was then given by some of the individuals who had worked on the revisions. Committee members were asked to give input.

Computer Updates

- o Carolyn Cox pointed out the new computer desks that are in room 244.
- o Carolyn mentioned that we will most likely move to MS Office 97 as of spring 1998. A discussion ensued as to why it was necessary to make this change.

BAS Program

- o Arnie Murdock announced that the program is going well. Currently, the enrollment is in the mid 40s with good prospects for continued growth. To promote the program, Arnie is giving presentations throughout our region.

Ed.D. Program

- o Rusty McClung announced that the first class of doctoral students at VSU will be taking their written comprehensive exams on October 31 and November 1. Approximately three weeks later the students will take their oral exams.
- o Rusty announced that the next group of doctoral students will begin Fall, 1998. The deadline date for applying for the program will be January 15, 1998.

NTI

- o This past summer Charles Backes announced that NTI was very successful. The students' evaluations rated the program as excellent. On Saturday, November 1, a seminar will be given at his house for the group that attended this last summer.

General Discussion

- o All non-VSU committee members in the room were asked to briefly discuss what is new at their institutions. Discussion centered around the use of block scheduling, internet policy, and work ethics.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lynn Anderson, Chairperson