

Faculty Meeting Minutes
Department of Adult and Career Education
"Positively Impacting Learning Through Evidenced-Based Practices"
April 26, 2007

Members present: Dr. Backes, Dr. McClung, Dr. Ott, Dr. Willis, Dr. Hudson, Mrs. Ellis, Dr. McElvey, Dr. Mat Som, Dr. Thomerson, Dr. Whisler, Dr. Cox, and Dr. Martinez.
Absent: Dr. Anderson, Mrs. Prater and Dr. Moore

Dr. Martinez called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Announcements:

- Dr. Martinez announced several items were bought last month and are available for everyone's use. These are CD-R disks, DVD-R disks, a video camera tripod, and two plastic portable carts on wheels. Dr. Backes reported that he has some extra jumpdrives available.
- Dr. Martinez announced Dr. Ott and Dr. Whisler requested and received larger monitors from the Dean.
- Dr. Martinez reported that the computers in rooms 122 and 244 will be updated. Microsoft Office 2007 will be installed in our labs and in the offices of those who have attended the workshop.
- On behalf of the department faculty, Dr. Martinez presented to Ms. Jeter a letter from COSA stating a retirement brick had been purchased by the department inscribed with her name, dates of employment, and the department's name. She expressed her appreciation to the department for this honor.

Dr. Martinez opened the discussion of the unification of the Adult and Career Education and the Business Education Master's degree programs and the response of the department to the Board of Regents RFP opportunity. Each faculty member expressed their opinions of the two issues. After discussion, the following four possible options were suggested:

1. Unify and apply for the RFP for the BE option;
2. Unify and do not apply for the RFP;
3. Do not unify and apply for the RFP for BE; and
4. Do not unify and do not apply for the RFP.

Business Education faculty were in agreement that to increase enrollment they would need to go online with some of their program, if not all. Dr. Martinez felt that the department would benefit by unification, but perhaps not by the RFP funded project. It is a risky proposition. The funding would be a loan that would have to be paid back.

Dr. Backes moved to accept unification and not to submit the RFP at this time. Dr. Hudson seconded the motion, and the discussion continued. Dr. Martinez felt that a concerted effort should be made to market the Business Education program.

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After more discussion, a vote was called for the motion on the floor. The vote was 10 for and 1 against. The motion carried. Dr. Martinez will put together a plan moving forward to unify the Business Education and ACED Masters degrees using Dr. Mat Som's plan and will share the results with the faculty.

A reminder was made that the Spring Faculty Social would begin at 6:00 pm at Mrs. Prater's home.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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