

Minutes of the Vocational Education Advisory Committee
Valdosta State University
April 13, 1995

Members in attendance:

Nancy Elsberry, Joanna Jones, Annette Labahn, Jeff Littleton, Donnie McGahee, Mary Alice Griffin, Mary Willis, Carolyn Cox, Charles Backes, Randy McElvey, Ann Adams, Rusty McClung, J. D. Thomerson, Brian Garavalia, and Patty Anderson.

Members not in attendance:

Karen Folsom, Addie Cobb, Phyllis Teepell, Marie Weeks, Wendy Moore, Charles Woods, Robert Howell, Wylene Byles, Felicia Brown, Sam Harvill, Larry Moore, and Jack Byrd.

The meeting was called to order by Patty Anderson, Chairperson, at 7:05 p.m., in Room 244 in the Education Center.

Patty Anderson, Advisory Committee Chair, welcomed everyone. All attendees introduced themselves.

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

- o For the academic year 1995-96, we have advertised for two positions for the Department: one is in the TT&I area and the other is in the Business Education/computer area. We have currently been given approval to interview a candidate for the TT&I position.
- o Doctoral program: The degree program is tentatively set to begin academic year 1995-96. The formal proposal goes before the Board of Regents for a vote on May 10. Discussion pursued regarding the program and the courses that will be required.
- o Several department members have recently given presentations at professional conferences: Mary Alice Griffin and Patty Anderson recently presented at the 1994 SBEA conference; Charles Backes presented at the 1994 AVA conference in December; and J. D. Thomerson and Randy McElvey presented in Athens. Rusty McClung recently had an article published. J. D. Thomerson and Charles Backes successfully defended their dissertations and are now Drs.
- o NCATE -- Fall, 1996, NCATE will be here for an interim visit. Prior to this visit, however, VSU's College of Education must receive state approval for all the education programs.

Business Education Announcements

- o Mary Alice Griffin presented the proposed changes to the Administrative Services degree amending the number of required hours from 188 to 186. The students would then be required to take the Desktop Publishing course and have only 1 guided elective as part of their program. A motion was made and approved by the Committee to accept this change.
- o Randy McElvey announced that the Third Annual South Georgia Business Education Conference will be held on April 21. This year two more publishers will join Southwestern at the conference: Paradigm and Glencoe-McGraw Hill. Expected attendance is 150.
- o Ann Adams presented the changes to the Business Education Licensure Requirements. Patty Anderson and Ann have created a cover letter and a matrix showing all the requirements that a candidate must meet in order to become licensed. This material will be sent to individuals when they call the office inquiring about licensure. Once they have reviewed the material, they will be allowed to set up an appointment.

The issue of requiring licensure candidates to complete the September Field Experience was discussed. It was decided to table this matter until another date.

Technical, Trade & Industrial Education Announcements

- o Charles Backes handed out a copy of the changes to the Master of Education in Vocational Education program. He went over the various changes to the program and requested that the Committee review them and provide feedback. A motion was made and approved that the Advisory Committee accept the revised Master's program in Vocational Education.

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. The companies currently being used in the internship program are District VIII Health Office, Lowndes County Department of Family and Children Services, Lowndes County Department of Human

Resources, and VSU's Office of Student Financial Services.

Computer Technology Announcements

- o Carolyn Cox announced plans for a new BVE240 lab in Room 262. The computers have arrived, but the furniture has not yet come. The room will be used during the day by our department and in the evening by the Educational Leadership Department.

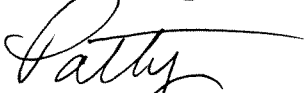
General Comments

- o Nancy Elsberry announced construction of the new building at Val-Tech has been slowed down a little for numerous reasons. However, enrollment continues to grow. Val-Tech is currently conducting classes in the old Riley Technical Institute building on Park Avenue.
- o Joanna Jones announced that she is currently serving on a SACS committee. The Valdosta City School System recently received approval by SACS.
- o Carolyn Cox announced that Horace Walker of Brooks County Schools recently received approval for a \$76,000 grant for updating the computer lab at the high school. This grant was a graduate class assignment that Horace decided to present to the Board of Education.
- o Randy McElvey announced that he will be switching to QBASIC in the fall. J. D. Thomerson mentioned that he will be switching to the Windows version for D-BASE and Lotus at that time.

The Vocational Education Department wishes to thank the three committee members who will be rotating off the committee at the end of this academic year--Ms. Karen Folsom, Mrs. Joanna Jones, and Mrs. Marie Weeks. A memo will be sent in September to all Vocational Education faculty committee members to ask for their suggestions for replacements. Thanks and best wishes also go to the student members--Ms. Felicia Brown, Ms. Annette Labahn, and Mr. Jeff Littleton. Ms. Annette Labahn has requested that she be a graduate student representative for next year!

The next meeting of the Advisory Committee is scheduled for November, 1995. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Lynn Anderson, Chairperson