

MINUTES OF THE VE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
APRIL 16, 1990, MEETING

Members in attendance:

Jim Hesters, Linda Todd, Charles Woods, Ken Kennedy, Steve Barrett, Maxine Martin, Kathy Kelbaugh, Donnie McGahee, Mary Alice Griffin, Mike Galloy, Carolyn Cox, Patty Anderson, Annie Maddox, and John Bobell.

Members not in attendance:

Brent Askins, Al McRae, Mary Willis, Morris Herron, John Fields, Brenda Moore, and Vickie Biles.

The meeting was called to order by Maxine Martin, Chairperson, at 7:30 p.m., in Room 223-A in the Education Center. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as distributed.

Donnie McGahee made the following reports and announcements:

SACS will meet the week of April 23 to review VSC accreditation. The SACS self-study was available for the advisory committee to review.

NCATE report came in since our last meeting. Of the 18 standards, only 1, that of faculty load, was not met. The official NCATE vote will not take place until late April.

A review of the departmental NCATE knowledge base survey was performed. The Advisory Committee recommended that we use "facilitator" in the Organizing Theme statement. It should be appended to read, "The teacher is a facilitator, organizer, and manager of learning . . ." Another item that was discussed was the constraints. Should we include off-campus courses as a constraint? At this time, Kings Bay and Moody are not teacher-certified programs and therefore not affected by NCATE. It was pointed out, however, that if Albany is approved to be an off-campus center, then we should consider this change to our knowledge base.

In the fall, we will have a new faculty member, John Langford, at the Kings Bay campus. He will be working as a computer teacher and administrator dealing with recruitment.

Carolyn Cox reported to the committee the changes that are taking place in the fall to the computer lab. Room 223-A will be converted into an additional computer lab. It will contain twenty-one 386 computers with 60 meg. hard drives. It will be used primarily for our higher-level BE courses. The downstairs lab will be networked and used for BVE340/540 courses and open

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lab. Carolyn pointed out that monies came from an IBM grant and matching funds from the Board of Regents.

Maxine Martin pointed out that VHS has had a network system since last October. She reported that they have experienced no problems. However, she mentioned that software is expensive.

Mary Alice Griffin reported that the shorthand option will be discontinued. In its place will be a new course, Notehand/Speedwriting. This will be a 1-quarter course beginning next year. It will be a requirement for all 4-year and 2-year administrative services majors. It is hoped that we will attract many people outside of our majors since this is an attractive skill to possess.

Mike Galloy reported on our T. & I. developments. We are currently offering more master's courses on main campus. There are 17 students enrolled this quarter. In the near future we hope to offer more bachelor's and master's courses off-campus in Albany. There is a great need, Mike says, in the technical schools for these courses. Eight summer workshops are being developed for this coming summer (i.e. new teacher certification, DP and computer concepts, basic skills, CPR). Mike also reported that a new degree area is currently being developed. This new degree would be a non-certification degree. There is a large need for this degree for trainers in industry.

Donnie McGahee thanked the three committee members who would be rotating off of the committee this academic year--Vicky Biles, Steve Barrett, and Maxine Martin. A memo will be sent out in September to all committee members to ask for their suggestions for replacements. Thanks and best wishes also go to the two student members--Kathy Kelbaugh and Morris Herron.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Patricia Lynn Anderson