

Minutes of the Vocational Education Advisory Committee
Valdosta State University
April 25, 1996

Members in attendance:

Iris Ellis, Jessica Everingham, Ken Baker, Donnie McGahee, Mary Willis, Carolyn Cox, Randy McElvey, Ann Adams, Rusty McClung, Brian Garavalia, J. D. Thomerson, Sam Harvill, Arnie Murdock, Larry Moore, Charles Backes, and Patty Anderson.

Members not in attendance:

Phyllis Teepell, Nancy Elsberry, Joanna Jones, Robert Howell, Bill Christopher, Todd Williams, Wendy Moore, Ann Warren, Lloyd Shaddix, Keith Middleton, Charles Woods, Wylene Byles, Addie Cobb, Mary Alice Griffin, and Jack Byrd.

The meeting was called to order by Patty Anderson, Chairperson, at 7:00 p.m., in Room 244 in the Education Center.

Patty Anderson, Advisory Committee Chair, welcomed everyone.

Rusty McClung introduced the new doctoral students to the Advisory Committee members.

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

- o Arnie Murdock will be defending his dissertation on April 29.
- o Effective this spring the new Banner program will be used by all students in the College of Education to register for summer and fall quarter classes.
- o The first phase of the PRAXIS assessment instrument will be introduced this summer. PRAXIS is composed of three parts: PRAXIS I is the examination that students must take in order to be accepted into the teacher education program; PRAXIS II is the new examination that will eventually replace the TCT; and PRAXIS III is the assessment instrument used to evaluate student teachers. Tentative starting date for each phase is: PRAXIS I, Summer, 1997; PRAXIS II, Summer, 1996; and PRAXIS III, Fall, 1997.
- o College of Education Mission Statement was distributed and discussed.
- o Semester conversion was discussed. A handout outlining the conversion was distributed. Conversion is scheduled for Fall, 1998.

Business Education Announcements

- o Randy McElvey announced that the Fourth Annual South Georgia Business Education Conference was very successful. Under consideration is an expansion of the conference to include other vocational education areas.

Technical, Trade & Industrial Education Announcements

- o Arnie Murdock announced that the new BAS degree is up and running. He has developed a brochure describing the BAS degree. A Power Point presentation has also been created by Arnie to use while visiting various high schools and technical institutes to recruit for the new program. He showed the presentation to the committee.
- o Donnie McGahee announced that co-op agreements with five technical institutes (Valdosta Tech, Thomas Tech, Moultrie Tech, Albany Tech, and Ben Hill-Irwin Tech) have been formalized. The agreements have been signed by officials from each of the technical institutes and by President Bailey and Vice President Benjamin. The agreements have been sent to the Board of Regents for approval.

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 as part of the South Georgia Business Education Conference packet.
- o Mary Willis suggested that a new display be developed to replace the current one used at Visitation Day.
- o Recently Mary Willis was appointed to be the COE Chairperson for the Recruitment and Retention Committee.

Computer Technology Announcements

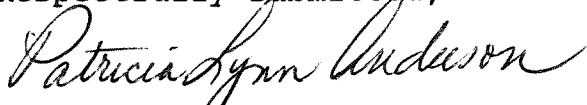
- o Carolyn Cox reported a brief summary of the updating of departmental computer labs. New Compaq computers have been ordered for Rooms 120, 122, 240, and 244. Tentative installation date is June 10, which means they should be in place for summer quarter. The computers will come with Windows 95; this software will be incorporated into

all computer courses. A new HP Laserjet 4 printer has been ordered for Room 120. A new file server which runs all VE labs is being changed.

General Comments

- o Iris Ellis announced that the first group of students completing the Industry Certification Program will be graduating this June. She also announced that Linda Todd will be retiring at the end of this academic year.
- o 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--Wendy Moore, Nancy Elsberry, and Robert Howell. A memo will be sent in September to all Vocational Education faculty members to ask for their suggestions for replacements. Thanks and best wishes also go to the student members--Ken Baker, Jessica Everingham, Lloyd Shaddix, Keith Middleton, and Ann Warren.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Lynn Anderson
Chairperson