

Minutes of the Vocational Education Advisory Committee
Valdosta State University
April 28, 1994

Members in attendance:

Karen Folsom, Ann Adams, Robert Howell, Nancy Elsberry, Joanna Jones, Marie Weeks, Angie Crownover, Linda Mercer, Donnie McGahee, Mary Alice Griffin, Mary Willis, Carolyn Cox, Charles Backes, Sam Harvill, Randy McElvey, J. D. Thomerson, and Patty Anderson.

Members not in attendance:

Kenneth Musgrove, Theresa Clark, Gwen Belue, Wendy Moore, and Jack Byrd.

The meeting was called to order by Patty Anderson, Chairperson, at 7:30 p.m., in Room 244 in the Education Center.

Patty Anderson, Advisory Committee Chair, welcomed everyone.

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

- o Dr. Rusty McClung has been hired by our department. He will be teaching T T & I courses.
- o Dr. McGahee announced that Drs. Anderson and Willis have been promoted to Associate Professor.
- o Dr. Sam Harvill's job assignment will be changing next academic year. He will only be teaching the ITI workshops.
- o The doctoral program at VSU is close to becoming a reality. Dr. McGahee handed out a "tentative draft" of the courses that will be included in the doctoral program. Discussion pursued regarding the program and the courses that will be required.

Business Education Announcements

- o Randy McElvey announced that the Second Annual South Georgia Business Education Conference held on April 15 was a huge success. He requested that if anyone knows of somebody who would be interested in presenting at next year's conference, please contact him. Plans are already being made for next year. The conference date for 1995 is April 21.

Mary Willis asked Nancy Elsberry if someone from Val Tech might make an Eduphone presentation. Nancy said that she felt it would be possible.

Randy lead a discussion regarding the advantages and disadvantages of 1, 1-1/2, and 2 hour computer sessions at the conference. General consensus was that two hours was too long and that 1-1/2 might be best.

It was announced that the conference is open to the general public and students.

- o Mary Willis announced that this year's co-op 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 possible professional endeavors.
- o Mary Willis also announced that a copy of the department's newsletter is enclosed in the packet distributed this evening. If you have any suggestions, announcements, or news items, please send them to Mary's attention.

Computer Technology Announcements

- o Carolyn Cox provided the committee with a tour of the multi-media computer lab. She gave a demonstration of one of the authoring programs. A discussion pursued about the direction of multi-media and VSU's active role in bringing this media to the attention of the students and the community.

General Comments

- o Nancy Elsberry announced that enrollment figures are up at Val Tech. Money has been allocated for the new building facility.
- o Karen Folsom mentioned that Valdosta High School will most likely lose a Business Education position. One teacher will be moved to the middle school. Karen said that it is quite possible she will be the one moving.
- o Marie Weeks told everyone that she will be stepping down as Department Chairperson at Lowndes High School. Iris Ellis will be taking over the position.
- o Robert Howell of Moultrie Tech announced that funds have been allocated for a satellite facility to be located in Tifton. He elaborated on the number of programs that will be available.
- o Joanna Jones of Valdosta Middle School mentioned that she will be moving to the new middle school in the fall. Keyboarding will no longer be taught on the typewriters.

She will be teaching a new career awareness course. This summer she will be attending workshops to help prepare her for this new course.

The Vocational Education Department wishes to thank the two committee members who will be rotating off the committee at the end of this academic year--Ms. Theresa Clark and Mr. Kenneth Musgrove. Nancy Elsberry has requested that she remain on the committee for another three-year term! 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--Angie Crownover and Linda Mercer.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lynn Anderson, Chairperson