

Minutes of the Vocational Education Advisory Committee
Valdosta State University
February 22, 2001

Members in attendance:

Sharon Walker, Angie Palmer, Wendy Moore, Katie Neal, Chris Burdette, Don Parks, Mark Wilson, George Ward, Gwen Belue, Charles Backes, Mary Alice Griffin, Rusty McClung, Larry Moore, Ann Adams, Iris Ellis, Yahya Mat Som, Carolyn Cox, Randy McElvey, J. D. Thomerson, Donnie McGahee, Arnie Murdock, Mary Willis, and Patty Anderson.

Members not in attendance:

Linda Jones, Cathy Myers, Ivory Gates, Lisa Benton, Lynne Wilson, Dale Nifong, Steve Dunn, and Sam Harvill.

Patty Anderson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m., in Room 244 in the Education Center.

Patty Anderson welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

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

- Dr. Yahya Mat Som was introduced to the committee. He missed the fall meeting. He will be teaching the TT&I courses.
- Dr. Sam Harvill will be retiring at the end of this academic year. We are currently undertaking a search for his replacement.
- Our request for department name change is currently under consideration by the Board of Regents. The new name, Department of Adult and Career Education, will go into effect as of Summer, 2001 semester. We have changed all of our course prefixes to ACED in preparation of this change.
- NCATE will be here Fall, 2001, to review all teacher education programs within the College of Education. Dr. Reed will be having a retreat for all department heads to go over strategy and assignments.
- Faculty members in the department have been extremely busy writing for publication and making presentations at various conferences. A review of the different accomplishments of the department members was given.

- We will also be shifting machine transcription from ACED4160 Administrative Office Procedures class to ACED4070. As a result, ACED4160 will now include a keyboarding simulation.

These changes will most likely not be effective until Spring, 2002.

Open Discussion

Some of the discussion topics were:

- Sharon Walker mentioned that keyboarding will be taught in the middle school. It will be very important for the middle school and high school to articulate their programs so that the program objectives will be met.
- Wendy Moore announced her retirement after 31 years of working in the school system.
- Mark Wilson of Langdale Industries stated that he is still involved with the Chamber of Commerce and their programs to improve work ethics of the students in this area.
- George Ward mentioned that he is working on trying to develop an industrial certification program that will be articulated with Valdosta Technical College and the BAS program.
- Angie Palmer, ABAC, said that they are still searching for a new president.
- Larry Moore mentioned that he has been working on developing the remote observation rooms in the Speech Labs on campus.
- Gwen Belue, Lowndes High School, stated that their department continues to grow. Currently, there are 9 business education teachers. LHS is on block scheduling and so far the teachers seem to like the conversion.

Patty Anderson thanked the following members for their service to the Advisory Committee: Ms. Wendy Moore, Mr. Ivory Gates, Mr. Steve Dunn, and Ms. Gwen Belue. They will be rotating off the committee at the end of this academic year. She mentioned that if they wished to renew for another 3 years of service, please let her know.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Lynn Anderson, Chairperson