

Minutes of the Vocational Education Advisory Committee
Valdosta State University
February 27, 1997

Members in attendance:

Beth Koetz, Joanna Jones, Keith Middleton, Theresa Clark, Sharon Cunningham, Donnie McGahee, Charles Backes, Mary Alice Griffin, Mary Willis, Carolyn Cox, Randy McElvey, Ann Adams, Brian Garavalia, J. D. Thomerson, Sam Harvill, Arnie Murdock, Larry Moore, and Patty Anderson.

Members not in attendance:

Phyllis Teepell, Al Gaskins, Bill Christopher, Todd Williams, Charles Woods, Iris Ellis, Lloyd Shaddix, Lynne Wilson, Tom Moffses, Jessica Everingham, Laurie Fontaine, and Rusty McClung.

The meeting was called to order by Patty Anderson, Chairperson, at 7:10 p.m., in Room 244 in the Education Center.

Patty Anderson, Advisory Committee Chair, welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

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

- o For the academic year 1997-98, we have a search out for two new additional positions (1 Business Education and 1 TT & I).
- o A general overview of the VED faculty members' recent accomplishments was given.
- o The doctoral program at VSU has recently undergone a SACS review.
- o PRAXIS II will be used instead of the TCT as of June, 1997. This fall, PRAXIS I will be required of all students applying for entrance into the teacher education program. It will cost \$75. PRAXIS III is the assessment instrument used to evaluate student teachers.
- o The Banner program is now being used throughout the University for registration, accessing students' records, and course information. No paper invoices will be sent out.

Business Education Announcements

- o Randy McElvey announced that our 5th annual conference will be held on April 18, 1997. A list of presenters and their topics was handed out to the committee. This year the morning sessions will be held at the University Center and the afternoon sessions will be at the University Center and the Education Center. Hands-on computer sessions will be in the afternoon.

Patty Anderson announced that this year a conference proceedings will be provided to all attendees. A discussion centered around the format of the proceedings.

Curriculum Reform

- o Donnie McGahee introduced the topic of semester conversion. All program sheets are attached.
- o Donnie McGahee announced that the AAS degree in Information Processing (a two-year degree) will be discontinued as of fall, 1998. The BAS program has been relatively unchanged because the state governs this area.
- o Mary Alice Griffin presented the changes to the BS degree in Administrative Services and B.S. Ed. in Business Education. One revision is the change of the prefix BE to BVE. Major changes to the BE program are the dropping of FIN238 Personal Finance and BVE270 Basic Programming. New courses will be Introduction to Business, Desktop Publishing, and Computer Systems. The Administrative Services program will drop BE215 Human Relations and BE207. Added to the program are Introduction to Business, Computer Systems, Philosophy—Ethics in Business, and Workplace Essentials.
- o Charles Backes discussed the changes to the B.S. Ed. in the TT & I program. Since the program was recently revised, there are not too many changes. Instead several courses were merged. The Safety/Management course was replaced with a new Safety and Liability in Vocational Education course. Methods of Instruction in TIE was added. Other new courses are ones pertaining to VE for Learners with Special Needs, Workplace Essentials, and Principles of Adult Education.
- o Charles Backes discussed the changes to the M.Ed. in Adult and Vocational Education. This program was also revised two years ago so there were not many changes. The changes made, however, strengthen our vocational core courses. The Foundations in Education course has been dropped. A

new course in Issues and Trends in Adult and Vocational Education has been added.

- o Donnie McGahee presented the changes to the M.Ed. and Ed.S. in Business Education. The masters degree program is going to focus on more research in business education. There will still be an emphasis on the methods courses. The Foundations in Education course has been dropped. The number of electives hours has been decreased. The Ed.S. in Business Education will have leadership as its theme.
- o Donnie McGahee presented the changes to the Ed.D. program. The major change to this program is that all courses will be 3 semester hours. A seminar course in Adult Education has been added. It was determined that there were too many research classes. These courses have been merged.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lynn Anderson, Chairperson