

Minutes of the Vocational Education Advisory Committee
Valdosta State University
November 11, 1993

Members in attendance:

Karen Folsom, Wendy Moore, Ann Adams, Robert Howell, Nancy Elsberry, Joanna Jones, Gwen Belue, Angie Crownover, Linda Mercer, Donnie McGahee, Mary Alice Griffin, Mary Willis, Carolyn Cox, Charles Backes, Sam Harvill, Randy McElvey, and Patty Anderson.

Members not in attendance:

Marie Weeks, Kenneth Musgrove, Theresa Clark, J. D. Thomerson, and Jack Byrd.

The meeting was called to order by Patty Anderson, Chairperson, at 7:32 p.m., in Room 243 in the Education Center.

Patty Anderson, Advisory Committee Chair, welcomed everyone. Members were asked to introduce themselves.

Computer Technology Announcements:

Since Carolyn Cox had to leave the meeting early, the computer technology announcements were given at the beginning of the meeting:

- o Computer Lab C, upstairs, will be replaced with new 486's hopefully by next spring.
- o Over the Christmas break a new multimedia lab will be installed in the old typing room, 244. This room will have the latest in multimedia technology. Starting spring quarter a new course will be offered utilizing this new technology.

Vocational Education Department Head Announcements:

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

- o This fall three new faculty members were hired in the TT&I area. They are Mr. Charles Backes, Mr. Jack Byrd, and Dr. Sam Harvill.
- o Recently there were two resignations from the Board of Regents, Chancellor Dean Propst and Vice-Chancellor Peter Hoff. Dr. Downes has been named acting Chancellor.

- o Valdosta State University is currently developing a doctoral program. It is hoped that the program will start Fall, 1994. It is designed to be a two-year program (coursework) plus the dissertation. There will be three tracks: Educational Administration/Supervision; Curriculum and Instruction; and Adult, Vocational, and Higher Education. Anyone interested should contact the graduate school after January 1.
- o Licensure -- As of July 1, 1993, teacher certification is handled through the colleges/universities. Individuals must become affiliated with an accredited college/university. Once a person has met the requirements, the school will then sign off on his/her licensure.
- o NCATE Review -- There is a possibility that we might have a visit from these review boards next year.
- o Grant activities -- A grant has been awarded to VSU for the ITI program for next year by the Postsecondary Board of Technical and Adult Education. Secondary grants have been written and submitted to the State Department of Education for NTI and computer application workshops.
- o The Bachelor of Applied Science degree remains on hold and may remain that way until the Board of Regents' openings are filled.
- o The Vocational Education Department publishes a newsletter that is sent out twice a year. The editor of the newsletter is Dr. Willis. The newsletter covers department announcements, new programs, faculty updates and accomplishments, and student/alumni news.
- o Our department has been very busy this past year. Several faculty members have published articles and made presentations at professional conferences. Mrs. Cox and Mr. Thomerson have both passed their doctoral comprehensive exams at UGA.
- o There was a 10% increase in student enrollment during this fall quarter. As a result, there are numerous challenges that the administration is having to deal with, such as classroom space, parking, teacher loads, etc.
- o A Ed.S. degree in Vocational Education is in the planning stages. We have received numerous inquiries for such a program. One of the main reasons that we feel a Ed.S. degree in V. E. would be successful is that teachers are now paid for the highest degree earned. There are currently many individuals who possess a master's degree

with no higher-level degree program available to them. The Ed.S. degree would meet their needs.

Business Education Announcements:

- o Randy McElvey announced that the Annual South Georgia Business Education Conference will be held on Friday, April 15, 1994. Expected registration is approximately 150+ people from South Georgia and North Florida. Sessions are currently being set up. There will be no general morning session. Instead, there will be two 1-hour morning sessions and two 1-hour afternoon sessions. More hands-on computer sessions are also being scheduled.

T T & I Announcements:

- o Charles Backes recently conducted the summer NTI program. There were 14 participants in the program.
- o The ITI program is being run by Sam Harvill. It is a three-stage program that runs over a 6-8 month period.

Assessment Announcements:

- o Randy McElvey is currently working on the assessment committee that is trying to implement a program of assessing the degree programs at VSU based upon student outcomes. He will keep us posted on new developments in this area.

Co-op Announcements:

- o Mary Willis announced that our students have been doing very well in the co-op program. The program is very beneficial because the students get a chance to have hands-on experience in a real work environment. During the winter quarter there will be four students in the program.

General Discussion:

- o A discussion ensued about the new technology labs that are being installed in several of the school systems. Two of the major concerns are who is going to teach the classes using this new equipment and where can the teachers get training.

- o VSU currently has a distant-learning classroom with satellite classrooms in Waycross, Bainbridge, Douglas, and ABAC. The Vocational Education Department is not using the classroom yet, but the ITI program might utilize the classroom.
- o Joanna Jones announced that Valdosta Middle School is currently going through SACS evaluation.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lynn Anderson (pj)

Patricia Lynn Anderson, Chairperson