

Minutes of the Vocational Education Advisory Committee
Valdosta State University
November 17, 1994

Members in attendance:

Karen Folsom, Addie Cobb, Phyllis Teepell, Charles Woods, Nancy Elsberry, Joanna Jones, Marie Weeks, Wendy Moore, Annette Labahn, Donnie McGahee, Mary Alice Griffin, Mary Willis, Carolyn Cox, Charles Backes, Randy McElvey, Ann Adams, Larry Moore, Rusty McClung, Brian Garavalia, and Patty Anderson.

Members not in attendance:

Robert Howell, Wylene Byles, Jeff Littleton, Felicia Brown, Sam Harvill, J. D. Thomerson, 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. Since this was the first meeting of the academic year, introductions were made by all in attendance. A 1994-95 membership list was handed out.

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

- o Dr. Rusty McClung and Ms. Ann Adams have been hired by our department as of September, 1994. They will teach TT&I and Business Education/computer courses respectively. In addition, Dr. Larry Moore has returned to our department and is teaching BVE240. Dr. Brian Garavalia has been assigned to teach a course per quarter for us in the TT & I area.
- o For the academic year 1995-96, we have advertised for two positions for the Department: one is in the TT&I area and the other is in the Business Education/computer area.
- o Doctoral program: The degree program is tentatively set to begin academic year 1995-96. The preliminary proposal has been approved by the Board of Regents, and the full, formal proposal is being developed. Discussion pursued regarding the program and the courses that will be required.
- o Several department members have been giving presentations at professional conferences: Mary Alice Griffin and Patty Anderson recently presented at the 1994 SBEA conference; Charles Backes will be presenting at the 1994 AVA conference in December; and J. D. Thomerson and Randy McElvey will be presenting in Athens this coming February at the Southeastern Business Education Conference.

- o J. D. Thomerson will be defending his dissertation tomorrow, November 18. (Update: He successfully defended his dissertation and now is DR. THOMERSON.)
- o NCATE -- This year we will begin working on preparations for the interim visit that will take place Fall, 1995. At our next meeting, we will have further discussion in this area.
- o VSU Growth -- Much discussion followed about the continued growth at VSU. We currently have approximately 9,300 students enrolled. Partial completion of University Center at Brookwood Plaza is scheduled for spring, 1995.

Business Education Announcements

- o Randy McElvey announced that the Third Annual South Georgia Business Education Conference will be held on April 21. He requested that if anyone knows of somebody who would be interested in presenting at next year's conference, please contact him.

A discussion pursued about conference facilities. Liberty Farms was a suggestion as a place to check out in the future.

Randy mentioned that he sent a letter to Dr. Janet Treichel, Executive Director of NBEA, to see if she will be able to attend this year's conference.

- 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 future professional endeavors.
- o Mary Alice Griffin handed out several Business Education curriculum changes. A brief discussion followed and a motion was made and approved to accept all changes.

Trade Technology & Industry Announcements

- o Charles Backes handed out a copy of the minutes of the recent TT&I meeting that dealt with possible changes to the Master of Education in Vocational Education program. He went over the different suggested changes to the program and requested that the Committee review them and provide feedback. The next TT&I meeting will be in December. It is hoped that the changes to the program can be made so the revised program can go into effect Fall, 1995.

Computer Technology Announcements

- o Carolyn Cox announced plans for a new BVE240 lab. Plans are still a little vague as to location, etc. At our next meeting, more details will be provided about this new lab.

General Comments

- o Nancy Elsberry announced that enrollment figures are up at Val Tech. Ground-breaking ceremonies recently took place for the new facilities.
- o Karen Folsom is now at the new J. L. Newbern Middle School teaching Business Education. Joanna Jones is also at that school where she is currently teaching a new course in Career Connections.
- o Marie Weeks mentioned that Lowndes High School is working hard at developing its Industry Certification program. She hopes the program will be in place by December, 1995.

The next meeting of the Advisory Committee is scheduled for April, 1995. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Lynn Anderson, Chairperson