

Minutes of the VE Advisory Committee
November 19, 1992, Meeting

Members in attendance:

Karen Folsom, Nancy Elsberry, Wendy Moore, Judy Grant, Joanna Jones, Marie Weeks, Theresa Clark, Shirley Fair, Dale Langston, Tressa Milner, John Sirmon, Donnie McGahee, Mary Alice Griffin, Mary Willis, Rusty Forbes, Mike Galloy, J. D. Thomerson, Randy McElvey, and Patty Anderson.

Members not in attendance:

Barbara Tomlinson, Kenneth Musgrove, Ed Greene, and Carolyn Cox.

The meeting was called to order by Patty Anderson, Chairperson, at 7:30 p.m., in Room 243 in the Education Center.

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

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

- o J. D. Thomerson was introduced as new faculty to our department. He will be teaching computer and business education courses.
- o Mike Galloy has successfully completed his doctoral program, and he is now DR. GALLOY.
- o We are currently performing a job search for a TTI position within our department. Closing date is December 15, 1992.
- o Teacher certification update--As of July 1, 1993, teacher certification will be handled through the colleges. In other words, a student will contact his local college and inquire what courses will be required by that school to become certified. The colleges and universities will be monitored through the state department to ensure that the requirements specified by the school are adequate.
- o Effective July 1, 1993, no longer will teachers be issued certificates. Teachers will be issued a license to teach.
- o Teacher Education Reform--Georgia is currently evaluating the teacher education programs.

Committees have been set up at VSC to work together to recommend improvements. Mary Alice Griffin has been

asked to be on the Language Arts Committee since she has an excellent background in communication skills.

- o Computer Technology Announcements--We now have a new lab downstairs that is networked with 26 486-Zenith Z Station computers.

The BVE240 course now includes two new software packages--Linkway and Quattro-Pro. Linkway is a hypermedia presentation package. Quattro-Pro is a spreadsheet package that replaces the PC-Calc software package.

Dean Toth has asked for the department's computer "wishes" for next year. Donnie said that he asked for a new computer lab to take the place of the large typing room. He would like it to be networked with the our other lab located on the second floor.

Business Education Announcements:

- o Mary Alice Griffin announced that we will be holding our First Annual South Georgia Business Education Conference on Friday, April 16, 1993. South-Western will be co-sponsoring the event and providing the morning keynote speaker.
- o Mary Willis mentioned that the BVE430, Practicum in Business/Vocational Education, course is progressing nicely. We have made several placements and had excellent response from the business community. The course offers "real-life" experiences on the job for the students. Mary says that this course provides the student with the needed confidence and work experience that students so desperately need. Students work for 10 hours a week under a supervised environment. BVE430 is a required course for all Administrative Services majors.

T T & I Announcements:

- o Mike Galloy has been working on the secondary and post-secondary grants. They are coming along nicely and hopefully we will have larger grants than last year.
- o Mike Galloy said that the preliminary proposal for the Bachelor of Technology degree (BT) is now at the Board of Regents. We hope to have some response soon about this program.
- o The Vocational Education Department is considering the development of a Technology Education Program. Mike and Rusty are working on a tentative draft proposal.
- o A master's program in vocational education is now being

offered at Kings Bay.

- o Distance learning has now come to VSC. Mike is going to teach one of the Vocational Education courses through this media next quarter.
- o Mike announced that with the impending university status of VSC, a doctoral program in vocational education is going to be a reality. This will help many people who have received their specialist degree and have not been able to pursue a higher degrees since no program has been available in the region.

Assessment:

- o Randy McElvey has been appointed to the Assessment Committee at VSC. This committee is working on developing Learner Outcome Assessments. Basically, all courses at VSC must state what skills/knowledge a student must possess at the end of a course/program and how the department is going to measure the outcomes.

All schools within Georgia are having to provide this assessment information to the state.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lynn Anderson, Chairperson