

Minutes of the Adult and Career Education Advisory Committee
Valdosta State University
October 18, 2001

Members in attendance:

Gwen Belue, Tim Hobbs, Sharon Walker, Lynne Wilson, Cathy Myers, Dale Nifong, Don Parks, Sharon Rozier, Cassie Rentz, Donnie McGahee, Charles Backes, Mary Alice Griffin, Mary Willis, Randy McElvey, Arnie Murdock, Ann Adams, Yahya Mat Som, Carolyn Cox, J. D. Thomerson, Iris Ellis, Kenny Ott, and Patty Anderson.

Members not in attendance:

Nancy Elsberry, Lori Buckham, Mark Wilson, Linda Jones, George Ward, Angie Palmer, Chris Burdett, Larry Moore, and Rusty McClung.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. in Room 244 in the Education Center. Patty Anderson welcomed everyone and introductions were made. Members were asked to complete an address update form for the files.

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

- We welcome a new faculty member to our department this year:
 - Dr. Kenneth Ott -- He will teach TT&I courses.
- 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.
- Our seven doctoral students completed their comprehensive examinations successfully. Now they are in the dissertation phase of their program. We start our new doctoral program Fall 2002 and are looking for good candidates.
- NCATE will be here November 10-14, 2001. They will be here to review all teacher education programs within the College of Education. We have a documentation room on the 1st floor which has been organized by Dr. Marsha Reed.

The following reports were distributed and discussed:

- Conceptual Framework – The College of Education must now show a theoretical foundation from which its teacher education program springs. The graphics on the last page illustrates that our teacher education program is a standards-based program. These standards are included in our curriculum design and delivery and

NTI and Other Grants

The last New Teacher Institute (NTI) was extremely successful with 20 in attendance. The interns came from all over Georgia. We have received verbal approval to run the program next year.

A study is currently being conducted to determine the competencies that should be addressed in NTI. The results of this study will be used to assess the NTI program and then make the necessary changes.

Open Discussion

Some of the topics discussed during open discussion were are follows:

- Keyboarding in the middle school and the articulation of the middle school program with the high school.
- Safe driving program being offered through State Farm.
- Lowndes High School is now offering a Critical Skills course that is required of all high school students.
- VSU has received the distinction of being included on the list of 100 Most Wired Universities in the nation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Lynn Anderson, Chairperson