

Minutes of the Vocational Education Advisory Committee
Valdosta State University
October 24, 1996

Members in attendance:

Iris Ellis, Lloyd Shaddix, Lynne Wilson, Theresa Clark, Laurie Fontaine, Al Gaskins, Jessica Everingham, Beth Koetz, Tom Moffses, Sharon Cunningham, Donnie McGahee, Charles Backes, Mary Alice Griffin, Mary Willis, Carolyn Cox, Randy McElvey, Ann Adams, Rusty McClung, Brian Garavalia, J. D. Thomerson, Sam Harvill, Jack Byrd, Arnie Murdock, and Patty Anderson.

Members not in attendance:

Joanna Jones, Phyllis Teepell, Bill Christopher, Todd Williams, Charles Woods, Keith Middleton, and Larry Moore.

The meeting was called to order by Patty Anderson, Chairperson, at 7:02 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 1996-97 membership list was handed out. If a change in address occurs, please let Patty know.

A brief discussion ensued about the need to change the scheduled meetings dates because of numerous schedule conflicts which result in poor attendance. It was approved that the advisory committee meetings will be held in October and February. A tentative date of February 27, 1997, was set for the second meeting of the year.

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

- o Dr. Brian Garavalia has been hired by our department as of September, 1996. He will teach TT&I courses.
- o For the academic year 1997-98, we have requested two new additional positions (1 Business Education and 1 TT & I) as well as two additional positions—1 replacement position for TT & I and 1 for the unfilled Business Education position.
- o A general overview of the department members' recent accomplishments were given which included many presentations, published papers, and future endeavors by the VED faculty members.
- o The doctoral program at VSU has recently undergone a SACS review.

- o PRAXIS II has been implemented this year, which means that students can take either the TCT or the PRAXIS exam for licensure. Next year the other two phases of PRAXIS will be put into place. PRAXIS I is the examination that students must take in order to be accepted into the teacher education program. 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.
- o Carolyn Cox is now Dr. Cox.

Business Education Announcements

- o Randy McElvey announced that our 5th annual conference will be held on April 18, 1997. He requested that if anyone knows of somebody who would be interested in presenting at next year's conference, please contact him. A discussion ensued regarding the necessity of changing the name of the conference since it will now include other areas of Vocational Education. The committee unanimously approved the new name of Gulf South Business and Vocational Education Conference.

Technical, Trade & Industrial Education Announcements

- o Arnie Murdock discussed the recent activities of the BAS program. In its first quarter, there are 30 students enrolled. Currently, Arnie is sending a mailing to all recent Val-Tech graduates informing them of the BAS program.

Computer Technology Announcements

- o Carolyn Cox announced the recent computer lab acquisitions. All five computer labs were completely replaced with new equipment and fiber optics wiring. Microsoft Office Professional was installed and is being taught in our courses.

Doctoral Program Announcements

- o Rusty McClung announced that the doctoral students will begin their vocational education content courses in the Winter quarter.

Internship Program

- o Mary Willis announced that this year's internship program has once again been very beneficial for the students and the companies involved. Currently,

we have three students placed in internship positions.

Curriculum Reform

- o Patty Anderson discussed the semester conversion. All programs must be revised. At our next meeting, we will present the program changes that will be submitted.
- o Patty handed out the department's Mission Statement and Goals for review by the committee. It was accepted unanimously.

General Comments

All non-VSU committee members in the room were asked to discuss briefly what is new at their institutions. Lloyd Shaddix discussed about the Teacher Cadet Program. He mentioned that he is working closely with VSU on this program and feels that the new BAS program will also be an important link.

Iris Ellis mentioned that Lowndes High School is currently undergoing a study of block scheduling. If it is determined that block scheduling is appropriate for Lowndes, then the next academic year they will receive training in block scheduling with implementation the following academic year.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lynn Anderson, Chairperson