

Minutes of the Adult and Career Education Advisory Committee  
Valdosta State University  
October 24, 2002

Members in attendance:

Lynne Wilson, Dale Nifong, Gwen Belue, Nancy Elsberry, Tim Hobbs, Don Parks, Chuck Martin, Donald W. Feazell, Jason Harpe, Donnie McGahee, Charles Backes, Pam Sales, Mary Alice Griffin, Rusty McClung, Mary Willis, Randy McElvey, Yahya Mat Som, Carolyn Cox, J. D. Thomerson, and Patty Anderson.

Members not in attendance:

Cathy Myers, Angie Palmer, Lori Buckham, Sharon Walker, Mark Wilson, Linda Jones, George Ward, Larry Moore, Iris Ellis, Clemente Hudson, and Kenny Ott.

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, A. C. E. Department Head, welcomed everyone and made the following announcements:

- We welcome two new faculty members to our department this year:
  - Mrs. Pam Sales – She will teach BE courses.
  - Dr. Clemente Hudson -- He will teach TT&I courses.
- Mrs. Griffin will be retiring at the end of this academic year after teaching 36 years at VSU.
- Dr. Kenny Ott is a major in the U.S. Army Reserve and has been called up to active duty. His orders dictate that he may be gone up to a year.
- Student Teacher Results – There are no surveys this year. There was a new survey, EBI (Educational Benchmarking) Student Survey, which was piloted this past spring; however, the results were not broken down by program. The reason we are going to the EBI survey is that it allows us to compare our student teacher graduates to other graduates across the nation. At the end of this semester, the results of this new survey will be available; and they will be separated according to each program.
- BAS Program Changes – We currently have a cooperative AAS degree with several “approved” technical colleges. Students complete the technical coursework at the technical college and then come to VSU to complete their core classes. We then tied the 4-year BAS degree to this

AAS program. The students completed the AAS degree at the technical school and then come to VSU to complete the core courses and their senior year with us. After completing the requirements, student received a 4-year degree. The program has been extremely successful!

The problem is that we have been letting students into the program who have an associate's degree from any 2-year college. This is not what the program was intended to do. The program was designed to be a 4-year degree that was tied to the approved technical colleges' AAS degrees.

Dr. McGahee has discussed this problem with VSU administrators. It was decided that it would be best that the program reverts back to what it was originally intended to accomplish—be a 4-year degree that was tied into the approved technical colleges' AAS degree program. It was also suggested that this issue be submitted to our advisory committee for discussion and vote. The advisory committee voted unanimously to approve this change and make the necessary revisions to the VSU catalog.

#### ACED Doctoral Program – R. McClung

- The next cohort group will start in the fall, 2003. Applications can be submitted starting the first of the year and the deadline date is March 14, 2003. This time applications will be reviewed on an on-going basis instead of all at one time. This should be a big plus for the program.
- The GRE format will be changing. The quantitative and the verbal will be the same; however, there will be a third part, written exam, graded on a scale of 1-6. For admission into the doctoral program, the Graduate School will require a score of 4.5 for regular admittance and a minimum score of 4 for admittance by acception. The Graduate School is working on its web site to post this information.
- The last cohort group should have two students graduating this coming spring semester.

#### Gulf South Adult and Career Education Conference – R. McElvey

- Randy McElvey and J. D. Thomerson presented an excellent PowerPoint presentation providing a complete overview of the 2002 conference. There were 200+ people in attendance and 28 different presentations.
- Next year's conference will be on Friday, October 3, 2003.

### Software Updates – C. Cox

- This year we upgraded all of our computers to the Windows XP and Office XP software. The transition was very smooth.

### NTI and Other Grants – C. Backes

- The last New Teacher Institute (NTI) was extremely successful with the largest number of attendees. The interns came from all over Georgia. This year a web site was used for the interns to communicate with each other. It is almost a certainty that the program has been approved for next year.
- Another program that has tentative approval is a contract for work-based learning. All the different cooperative programs will be surveyed to see what techniques are successful and what things need to be changed.

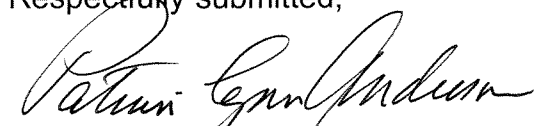
### Open Discussion

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

- Lowndes High School is continuing with its expansion. A large grant has been received to replace equipment in the vocational labs.
- Valdosta Technical College is going through accreditation. It is also experiencing continued growth. More building has been approved in order to accommodate this increased enrollment.
- The “If I Had a Hammer” program is currently being run on a daily basis. This is a grant that provides for 5<sup>th</sup> graders to come to VSU to build a small building. The grant’s focus is to provide students with the opportunity to apply the theories/skills they are learning in the classroom to a “hands-on” project. It is supported by VSU, Valdosta Technical College, area businesses, and 7 school systems. Mrs. Maggie Roberts, Director of the College of Education’s Advising Center, has played an instrumental part in making this program work.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Patricia Lynn Anderson, Chairperson