

**DEWAR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION  
Executive Committee Meeting  
MARCH 8, 2007**

**Honors Night Details**

Dr. Bob Hull offered an overview of the Honors Nights programs. The Dewar College of Education recognition dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. in Magnolia Room 1 & 2. Departmental honor students must absolutely be determined by April 5 to be included in the April 17 program. The College of Education Outstanding Student has been selected by the Honors Committee. A second honors dinner will take place May 3 and may include 5 COE awards, 9 university awards, and possibly 2 additional awards. The Honors Committee meets Wednesday, March 21 to consider scholarship applications and awards from other student development organizations. The deadline for submission of these applications is March 20. Ann Lacey has set a deadline of March 9 for submission of **departmental** awards; each department has a Representative on the Honors Committee.

**Technology Committee Report**

Dr. Andy Brovey noted that equipment in COE Room 81 was in place, including the projector; however, a screen control for the projector screen must still be installed on the computer desktop. Drs. Carolyn Cox, Diane Judd, and Andy Brovey are working on a training process for the new teaching station in Room 81. Dr. Brovey then mentioned the Online Lifeline Conference and noted improvement in both attendance and presentation quality. He stated that smartboards should be in place in COE Rooms 265, 267, and 124 before summer. Dr. Brovey indicated that part of the second annual Georgia Psychological Society Conference in Macon will be devoted to using technology in teaching; Dr. Heather Brasell and he will discuss some of the newer technologies. Allen DeVane gave Executive Committee members a status sheet of technology support which included the smart classroom, smartboards, nine additional faculty PC setups this past month (total of 25 upgrades in faculty offices), computer lab upgrades, and 67 on-site calls completed during the month of February. Ike Barton then addressed the network status. Plans for decommissioning and merging services include a managed DeepFreeze system (SuperFreeze) to be installed on desktop lab computers. An antivirus server for the COE will merge into the central campus antivirus server. Backup systems were announced with plans to clean and organize some of the server room hardware during spring break. Executive Committee members noted that the best time for temporary service shutdown would be Thursday during spring break from noon until 8:00 p.m. Everyone will still have internet access but will be unable to print.

**GACE Results**

Dr. Donnie McGahee reported a GACE pass rate of approximately 60-70% which includes individuals not yet enrolled in a program or those who are not yet program completers. The pass rate should improve when only scores from program completers are included. Maggie Roberts mentioned that full social security numbers should be available, per Fran Watkins, to help VSU determine candidate status with more accurate data. Dr. McGahee noted the need for more detailed information on GACE I subtest scores, and indicated the next Valdosta administration of the GACE II will take place in August. Savannah will be the site for the June administration.

### **Anticipated Area F Timeline Change**

Changes related to Area F may not appear in the *Catalog* this fall, but Executive Committee members feel that course substitutions, etc. should continue as planned. The Board of Regents' Educator Preparation Academic Advisory Committee (EPAAC) will meet April 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The agenda includes consideration of changes to other areas of teacher preparation to include birth to five education and Area F science and math courses for early childhood programs. Other agenda items include considering fall 2008 as the absolute implementation deadline for Area F changes. Valdosta State plans to implement Area F changes in fall 2007. Other EPAAC agenda items include the distance education project for the master of arts in teaching and the M.Ed. discussion regarding a charter school, and the possibility of smaller group meetings among deans of colleges of education or deans of colleges of arts and sciences.

### **Graduation Procedures**

Dean Gunter distributed materials from Events Services compiled by Ann Lacey. Beginning this spring semester, graduation will be across 2 days (Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5). The nursing ceremony will take place in Whitehead Auditorium at 2:00 p.m. on May 4, followed by a 4:00 p.m. graduation ceremony for Master of Library Information Science in Odum Library Auditorium, and the Master of Social Work ceremony at 7:00 p.m. in Whitehead Auditorium. On Saturday, May 5, the Dewar College of Education will hold its graduation ceremony in the PE Complex at 10:00 a.m., to include the ROTC commissioning. Graduation ceremonies for the College of the Arts and Harley Langdale, Jr. College of Business will take place on May 5 in the PE Complex at 1:00 p.m. followed by graduation ceremonies for the College of Arts and Sciences at 4:00 p.m. in the PE Complex. These smaller graduation exercises may permit more before and/or after graduation receptions. Executive Committee members discussed having education students process from the College of Education to the PE Complex.

Dean Gunter anticipates better graduation attendance since each ceremony will only last approximately 1 hour. COE graduation activities may include a reception in the College of Education with live music. Music during graduation will be decided upon by those colleges participating in each ceremony. Department heads may serve as readers of graduates' names, and while President Zaccari will attend each ceremony, the deans will shake students' hands as they receive their diplomas. Dr. Blake Pearce mentioned that an honors meeting will take place for art students on the day of graduation. Other such recognition ceremonies may also be scheduled as pre- or post-graduation events. Food arrangements should be scheduled through Events Services at Valdosta State. The executive secretary of the Faculty Senate has asked marshals to represent each college. Since there are fewer colleges represented at the individual graduation ceremonies, there will be fewer marshals and fewer banners.

### **Course and Curriculum Change for Special Education**

A request is being submitted to change a special education graduate program in physical and health disabilities from an add-on certification program to an endorsement program and includes a new 2-hour assistive technologies course. This endorsement title is in response to revised standards from the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC).

### **Classroom Management Conference**

Dr. Brian Gerber announced that the conference will take place at VSU on March 24 in the College of Education. Dr. John Hummel will be among the presenters.

### **Announcements**

- Merrill/Prentice Hall Book Fair that will be that day (March 8th) from 11am - 2pm in room 255. Free lunch and books!
- March 13 Education Career Day (85 Employers) PE Complex 9-12
- Spring Break March 12-16, 2007
- Next Meeting of COE Executive Committee March 22, 2007
- Classroom Management Conference, March 24, 2007
- Peer advising applications are available – please apply by March 9 (advising will begin then for registration which starts March 26)

Respectfully submitted,  
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