

**James L. and Dorothy H. Dewar College of Education
Executive Committee Meeting
April 13, 2006**

Dr. Brian Gerber, who presided at this meeting, announced that Dr. Gunter was at an EPAC meeting, just finished with an NCATE accreditation visit to Georgia Southern, and will return soon after this meeting.

Paine College Recognition of Dr. Ducharme

Dr. Stanley read a recognition of Dr. Ducharme from Shirley Lewis, president of Paine College. The recognition was faxed on April 3 to the VSU President's Office and notes the establishment of the Adele Ducharme Scholarship Fund. A tribute to Drs. Ducharme and Atterbom will be placed on the COE Recognition Day agenda as well.

NCATE Standards and Elements

Dr. Lee gave committee members a handout for review of NCATE/PSC standards. This handout will, of course, be available via a link at the Official Minutes webpage of this College of Education Executive Committee meeting:

<http://education.valdosta.edu/comm/execcom/minutes/ec1.htm>

According to Dr. Lee, while standards have not changed, the process has changed. The previous report of standards consisted of 3 pages whereas the current listing of NCATE unit standards is 18 pages in length. The Professional Standards Commission (PSC) is especially interested in NCATE items 1 through 6:

- Standard 1: Candidate Knowledge, Skills, and Dispositions
- Standard 2: Assessment System and Unit Evaluation
- Standard 3: Field Experiences and Clinical Practice
- Standard 4: Diversity
- Standard 5: Faculty Qualifications, Performance, and Development
- Standard 6: Unit Governance and Resources

Additionally, PSC Standard 7 includes those requirements which meet Rule 5-3-.01: admission requirements; knowledge of reading; knowledge of identification of children with special needs; proficiency in the use, application, and integration of instructional technology; knowledge of relevant sections of the Georgia Quality Core Curriculum; knowledge of professional ethical standards and requirements for certification and employment; and field experience. PSC Standard 8 includes program content consistent with specified content standards and relevant to the PRAXIS II objectives as specified in Georgia Rule 505-3, section 10-59.

These eight areas comprise the both the NCATE and PSC report. Standards related to the (1) conceptual frameworks, (2) assessment system and unit evaluation, and (3) field experiences and clinical practice preface program reports to the PSC (and NCATE). Dr. Lee indicated that NCATE Standard 2 (Assessment System and Unit Evaluation) is

important for all programs and noted that LiveText will report most of this information. Dr. Lee discussed Standard 4 in terms of placing students in diverse settings and the need to systematically track this information (i.e., students' interactions with diverse populations).

Information pertaining to Standards 5 (Unit Faculty) and 6 (Unit Governance) are currently available in LiveText documentation. Standards 7 and 8 are PSC specific, and Dr. Gerber noted that review of these standards with departmental faculty will be important.

Follow-Up Employer and Graduate Surveys

What formerly was known as STPIS (Student Teaching Improvement Survey) will now be denoted as the Graduate Survey for Program Improvement (GSPI), the Candidate Survey for Program Improvement (CSPI), and the Employer Survey for Program Improvement (ESPI). The appropriate parties will complete these surveys at the conclusion of a student's academic career and for 2-3 years following that student's graduation and subsequent employment. In some instances, previous surveys have included job codes and major codes (2003-2004); however, other surveys only listed the student's major (2004-2005). Dr. Lee distributed rough drafts of the 10-item surveys, and some corrections were made. Dr. Bauer suggested having a school principal look at the survey since principals will be reviewing the employer survey. Prior to dissemination, the survey will receive yet another review and will be shared with the principals of various partner schools. Dr. Hilgert, who serves as a consultant to the Echols County School System, volunteered to deliver a copy of the survey to the principal of that partnership school system.

Renaissance (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics) Group Meeting

Dr. Gerber shared his experience when he and Dr. Gunter attended the meeting of the Renaissance Group. Membership was first announced in July, 2000. Thirty-nine institutions that collectively produce 1 in 9 graduates of teacher education programs throughout the United States are now part of this Renaissance Group. Valdosta State University has been a part of this group since Dr. Meredith, former chancellor, requested VSU's participation in hopes that Valdosta State would assume a leadership role. While at this meeting, Dr. Gerber suggested formation of a working group to investigate science and technology, engineering, and mathematics, to perhaps develop a National Science Foundation grant for the establishment of science and math education centers. When Dr. Gerber asked for a lead institution in this endeavor, he (with Valdosta State) was volunteered for the job. Thus, VSU will be the leadership institution in attempting to secure National Science Foundation funding.

Information from Deans' Council Meeting

Yesterday, Dr. Gerber attended the Deans' Council meeting for Dr. Gunter and reported that faculty development funds have been expended for the year. While the number of students registered for summer courses was somewhat lower, actual credit hour production did not differ significantly from the previous summer. Thus, funding under the current schedule appears viable.

Dr. Krotseng is seeking four or five faculty members to become experts in campus-wide assessment. Interested parties should contact her regarding the process. Dr. Krotseng may possibly provide release time for faculty who might be members of a committee on assessment to be established by VSU administration. Dr. Gerber mentioned that a funding opportunity (approximately \$4000) is available for a faculty member who would like to assist with the assessment of data already collected. This data assessment project will be directed by Dr. Krotseng. Dr. Levy announced at the Deans' Council meeting that VSU has not yet received any information from the Delaware Study and will not participate in the continuance of this study until feedback is received as promised from those conducting the study. Members of the Deans' Council discussed how to increase attendance at the university-wide Honors Day. Any suggestions should be sent to Dr. Gerber. According to Dr. Gerber, some possibilities might include awarding honors during graduation or close to graduation. Dr. Martinez suggested holding the honors ceremony at a smaller location such as the University Center auditorium. Dr. Gerber announced that Parents' Day will be Saturday, September 23, 2006. The schedule will be moved up somewhat due to the 11:00 tailgate party, the 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. COE session for parents in the Cypress Room, and the 1:00 p.m. football game. Any suggestions for Parents' Day should be forwarded to Dr. Gerber.

Transcript Evaluations

Jania, from Dean Gunter's office, mentioned that transcript evaluations for certification purposes may take up to 2 months before they can be returned to students due to the complicated nature of the task.

Proposed Cookout

Dr. Gerber asked for input from committee members regarding a cookout by the Dean's Office for students and faculty on Dead Day, May 2. Dr. Martinez noted his department is interviewing someone that day but would certainly attempt to participate. In addition, the GACE field testing is scheduled for May 2 in the morning. The Executive Committee will host the cookout; hamburgers and hotdogs will be grilled.

Czech Republic Update

Dr. Bauer presented a PowerPoint slide presentation reviewing his arrival and most recent departure from the Czech Republic. He discussed his meetings with various students and faculty groups at Placky University in Olomouc as well as at a conference in Prague. Twenty students and four faculty members from the Department of Psychology and Counseling will return to the Czech Republic for a Maymester session.

Announcements

- The James L. and Dorothy H. Dewar College of Education Honors Night will take place Tuesday, April 18.
- The College and University Forum will meet Tuesday, April 25 in Macon.
- Graduation is May 6.
- The next Executive Committee meeting will be Thursday, April 20 at 8:30 a.m.
- Dr. Gerber mentioned that according to a CNN poll the number two listing for the best job in the U.S. is college professor, just behind software engineer. Recently the demand for professorial positions has greatly increased.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Hilgert