

**DEWAR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Executive Committee Meeting
AUGUST 24, 2006**

Don Puckett: A Big Success

According to Maggie Roberts, Don Puckett's presentation was very successful with 250 students and 120 student teachers attending the morning and afternoon sessions, respectively. The afternoon session focused on behavior management in the classroom.

Steve Graham: 2006 VSU Distinguished Alumnus

Dr. Steve Graham was the speaker at the College of Education opening meeting of the year. Dr. Graham holds a bachelor's degree from VSU in secondary education and a master's degree from VSU in special education with an emphasis in learning disabilities. He will receive the 2006 VSU Distinguished Alumnus award at the Alumni Association's annual homecoming dinner on Friday, October 6 at 7:30 p.m. The dinner is \$27.00 per person, and reservations can be made at (229) 333-5797 or 1-800-464-3638. The award will also be mentioned at the homecoming game on October 7. Dr. Gunter is very pleased to have a COE graduate receive this award.

Video Release Form

Dr. Gerber circulated a video release form. The statement "The recording will be destroyed after one year" was removed from the form. Although the suggestion was made to broaden the video recording permission form for use in assessment by pupil personnel outside the classroom, changes were sufficiently extensive to warrant separate permission forms.

Feedback from University Deans' Council Meeting of August 23

A. Dean Gunter mentioned the reception on Friday, September 15 for those individuals whose promotion is effective this current year. He would like the department heads to review the list of names for spelling accuracy, etc. The information should be in print by August 28. The event will take place in the Bailey Atrium, from 3-5:30 p.m.

B. Mary Gooding's office (Alumni Relations) will sponsor an alumni tailgate party on Saturday, October 7, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The party is free, but reservations are required by calling (229) 333-5797 or 1-800-464-3638. Other homecoming events include a golf tournament and homecoming parade on Friday, October 6, at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., respectively. The homecoming football game will take place in Bazemore-Hyder Stadium at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, October 7; VSU will play the Southern Arkansas University Muleriders.

C. Course forms for the 2007 Spring Schedule should indicate which sections of a course will consist of over 50% class time online. Courses with less than 50% class time on-line will be listed as "enhanced." An entirely web-based course will be described as "fully on-line." Dean Gunter noted that "fully on-line" courses should state when students are required to take exams on campus rather than on-line. Please refer questions to Patrick McElwain, assistant registrar.

D. Jon Sizemore distributed a Use of Technology report from an on-line survey. The VSU survey return rate was only approximately 8%, so data may exhibit some bias toward high end users. Jon Sizemore hopes to more thoroughly review the data to compare VSU with the rest of the University System given the limited VSU survey return rate. This same survey was administered across the entire University System, and the report will be available at the VSU distance learning website link below:

<http://www.valdosta.edu/distance/survey>

E. Due to increased demand, the VSU police may have to allow students entrance to the labs on weekends, and after-hours use of facilities may require a release form. Dr. Pearce noted that many art students spend much time late in the evening using the art facilities, and the VSU police are usually available for assistance.

Praxis/GACE Issues

Dr. McGahee mentioned that the Professional Standards Commission (PSC) website presents a revised teacher certification process. Students who have passed part of Praxis I by September 1 will have until March 1, 2007 to pass the remainder of the Praxis I exam and earn an overall composite score of 526. Therefore, a satisfactory grade in 2999 during fall semester will require successful completion of all parts of the Praxis I by the end of fall semester. A similar adaptation will be made during spring semester to incorporate the Praxis I extension. Dr. McGahee will send an e-mail to COEFAC and COESTU recipients regarding this modification in Praxis I requirements.

Technology Upgrades

Dean Gunter indicated that a list has arrived for technology upgrades and includes several teaching stations. Faculty noted some difficulties with the projectors used in the teaching stations. Dr. Gunter mentioned that Joe Newton will meet with the COE Executive Committee on a regular basis at the last meeting of each month.

Agenda for NCATE/PSC Visit

Dr. Gunter has a general outline of the scheduled October NCATE visit, will share it via e-mail to obtain any suggestions or modifications, and hopes to have the schedule arranged by next week. He expects the NCATE team to begin the interview process early on Monday, October 23, from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. The team will distribute the interviews among team members and will have three interview sessions running simultaneously. According to Dr. Gunter, the NCATE team plans on putting much work into the interview process including the two open faculty meetings. Please note the following item in the tentative schedule:

11:00 - 11:45 a.m. Initial Certification Candidates

Dr. Gunter mentioned that the final schedule will not be established until the visiting team approves the tentative outline. He also mentioned that Fran Watkins of the PSC appears flexible regarding an adjusted schedule for submission of program annual reports (PAR). However, VSU is still in the process of discussing the matter with the PSC.

Advanced Programs and LiveText

To verify its accuracy, Dr. Lee distributed a list noting the use or non-use of LiveText within the various programs. She mentioned that someone must import the data into the LiveText system for easy accessibility by the NCATE team.

NOTE from Larry Hilgert: Since I was able to be present for only the first hour and 15 minutes of this meeting, Drs. Bauer and Lee relayed information to me regarding the following agenda items.

Disposition Data for Student Teachers

According to Dr. Lee, the disposition data have been submitted for almost all areas.

Curriculum Advising and Program Planning (CAPP)

Arlene Gaumond will attend the next COE Executive Committee meeting to describe a standardized undergraduate program of study through the Registrar's Office that is much like the Banner transcript.

A Proposed Research Study

Dean Gunter would like to examine the effect(s) candidates from various VSU programs have on the performance of children in P-12 education as well as compare on-line courses and programs with those courses/programs not on-line.

COE Fall Lecturer

A lecturer representing the COE has not yet been selected. More discussion will take place next week.

USE of Faculty Development Funds

Additional faculty development funds will be divided equally among COE faculty for travel purposes. The individual travel allowance is thus increased to \$415.

Establishment of Goals for the COE and Initiatives

This year's goals should be similar to those from last year with efforts toward continual improvement.

Announcements

- The next COE Executive Committee meeting will be August 31 at 8:30 a.m.
- Additional information related to upcoming events to be mentioned in next week's announcements

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Hilgert