

**DEWAR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2007**

Deans' Council Meeting of September 5, 2007

- Dr. Levy, who chairs the meeting, said that Parents' Weekend went well. In one letter, however, a parent noted that instructors should be tolerant of the diverse skills which students bring to the classroom.
- Dr. Myers-Jennings will attend an administrators' workshop in Athens in February, 2008, separate from a workshop to be held in Atlanta.
- New scheduling software is being installed; Honey Coppage and Sage Archer will be trained in its use.
- Several items related to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Various software packages are being examined. The primary outcome focus appears to be how to align student learning with the university mission statements. According to Dr. Levy, outcome measures will not focus on grades or attitudes. The Board of Regents is interested in institutional outcomes related to the instruction component (what students are taught).
- Library funds are available to departments and will similarly be distributed as they were last year.
- Faculty/staff charitable contributions campaign will soon be announced.
- Personnel were encouraged to call graduates' names slightly faster at graduation. The hooding of other than doctoral-level graduates is being considered. The Dewar College of Education Advisory Committee supported only the hooding of doctoral degree recipients. Arts and Business may have a combined graduation.
- New anti-plagiarism software (SafeAssignment) will be piloted in the spring. The current license for Turnitin expires in November. SafeAssignment addresses some of the property rights issues since it has an isolated server for VSU and does not combine information from various institutions and it may be less expensive.

PAAR

Dr. Julie Reffel distributed a list of programs for which the "Finish" button had not been selected on their PAAR accounts. Saturday, September 15, is the due date for all PAAR materials. Program coordinators should examine the 2999 data and use that information to help determine the various statistics required by PAAR. While some data are not readily available, BANNER is a likely data source. The PAAR workshop was good. A checklist (cheat sheet) was suggested for future workshops to help participants find information more easily and to ensure that all points are covered.

A suggestion was made to combine PAAR reports for Spanish and French due to a paucity of data. In the healthcare area a single report was being used at one time; however, the Professional Standards Commission (PSC) wants to keep traditional vs. certification data separate and that may form the basis for not combining some fields. Data integrity is important and should match the registrar's information. Dr. Reffel will submit the PAAR report to the PSC by October.

Course Evaluations

Summer course evaluations should be available by mid October. All COE web pages are being converted to Contribute (used to construct the pages).

Catalog Copy

Copy for the *Undergraduate Catalog* is due next Monday, September 18; outcomes do not require submission to the Academic Committee. Dr. Zaccari has not yet approved departmental name changes. The College of Education Academic Committee will meet in November; the committee should have received all course changes by then. One COE Executive Committee meeting may be dedicated to examine this information. All changes should be forwarded to Dr. Brian Gerber by the end of September.

Homecoming

Maggie Roberts reminded everyone that the homecoming game is at 4:00 p.m. on September 29. From 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. free photos will be taken in the University Center, and free food will be available.

Listserve for Parents

Maggie distributed a listserve for sending announcements to parents. Parents thought it was a good idea.

Early College Update

The Board of Education for Valdosta City Schools meets Monday, September 17, and should consider the early college issue. Dawn Cooper from the Board of Regents provided a presentation for the school board and reiterated that the early college program is for the average student rather than the gifted student. Dean Gunter hopes to submit a letter of intent within 2 weeks. S. L. Mason Elementary School seems to be the most favored location for the program, but nothing is definitive until voted on by the Board of Education.

Online Graduate Degrees Update and Other New Degrees

The M.Ed. in Accomplished Teacher has been approved by the Academic Committee. The program is shared with Georgia Southern, Columbus State, and VSU. A letter of intent will soon be sent regarding the Coaching Pedagogy Ed.S. degree. The Board of Regents has authorized the doctoral degree for Communication Disorders; that department has permission to submit a plan this summer. Dr. Don Leech discussed the online endorsement program in educational leadership.

Sign Up for DOE College and University Forum September 28

Dr. Barbara Stanley has a sign-up sheet for this forum on RTI open to all universities across the state. Linda Blanton, the former head of special education and now the associate superintendent for public schools, is promoting collaborative teaching that does not require dual preparation for any particular class. Special education is changing. Student support teams are no longer in the Valdosta City Schools. The differentiated instruction model has replaced the immediate referral model. The number of referrals should be reduced from the current 20%.

Student Workspace

Furniture moves have been accomplished and will allow set-up of student workspace with the remaining furniture. A student workroom (formerly Early Childhood and Reading) is being arranged for project construction and will be equipped with materials such as tape, etc. Dr. Gunter would also like to put into place the reading clinic. The observation rooms will be equipped with digital recording equipment, and when the clinic is not in use Dr. Gunter hopes to make the rooms available for other kinds of digital recording.

Announcements

- Dr. Peggy Moch is the faculty representative for Kappa Delta Pi
- Faculty positions should appear in a single position announcement set up for next Friday; international faculty must now pay part of the application process.
- Saturday, September 15 – Project Learning Tree – Education Center
- Tuesday, October 2 – Taiwanese Youth Folk Sports Group – Lowndes High School
- Thursday, October 4 – Midterm (send Maggie Roberts in-progress grades for 2999, an S represents that all 2999 materials have been submitted)
- Saturday, October 20 – Project Learning Tree – Education Center

Respectfully submitted,
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