

DEWAR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Executive Committee Meeting
SEPTEMBER 21, 2006

Dean Gunter began the meeting by noting that Drs. Brian Gerber, Julie Lee, and Don Leech were attending an Ed Leadership conference at Callaway; and Drs. Robert Bauer and Karla Hull were momentarily engaged in a video conference with the Czech Republic.

Dr. Gunter mentioned that everyone should have received a visitor's password (via e-mail) and encouraged committee members to view the LiveText system from the perspective of the NCATE reviewers.

Of immediate concern is that, according to student survey, candidates still feel somewhat uncomfortable working with diverse populations and don't always support the concept that all students can learn. Dr. Gunter indicated that work continues on Standard 4, but everything should be complete by this weekend. A continuous data monitoring system is now in place, and mechanisms for systematic data review should be developed.

2999 Courses

According to Maggie Roberts, 504 students are currently enrolled in 2999. Maggie reminded committee members that a student earning an "S" at midterm can then be admitted to teacher education the following semester. Of importance is that these grades are assigned by midterm so the process can go forward. Dr. Barbara Stanley noted that grade point average may also be an issue in admission to teacher education. Maggie Roberts and Dr. Lee will receive a list of students satisfactorily completing 2999 for admission and LiveText monitoring purposes, respectively.

Parents' Weekend

Parents' Weekend is September 22-23, and each department is to be represented on Saturday, September 23. Parents can browse the COE exhibit from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in the Rose Room at the University Center. Dr. Gunter still needs brochures from almost all programs and needs to know who is representing several departments. Dr. Gunter would like to be present for Parents' Weekend but must attend a Board of Regents meeting; Dr. Gerber is responsible for putting the big board in place. An evening performance by the VSU Jazz Band will take place on Saturday evening in the Fine Arts Building.

Homecoming

According to Maggie Roberts, the first 200 attendees at the Alumni Tailgate Party on October 7 will each receive a key on a COE keychain. One key will open a prize box. The tailgate begins at 10:30 a.m. at the University Center; game time is 1:00 p.m.

Criminal Background Check

Maggie Roberts spoke with Scott Doner about conducting the entire process of criminal background checks through his department, University Police. Apparently, University Police processed the criminal background checks on all Sodexo employees at VSU for \$7.00 each. The College of Education currently charges students \$5.00. No date has been set for this processing change. Continued processing of these background checks through the COE was noted as perhaps being more student-friendly, and of concern was the potential for delay if students must submit requests through Public Safety. COE Executive Committee members would like more information regarding anticipated changes (fees, cash-only policy, etc.). Maggie will discuss the process further with Scott Doner.

Maggie then reminded committee members that midterm grades are due Friday, September 29, 2006; she will need to be contacted regarding the 2999 list.

GACE Test Site

Per Dr. Donnie McGahee, on November 18, 2006, Valdosta State University may be a test site for the GACE administration. The approximately 500 registrants will utilize the Education Center, Fine Arts Building, and PE Complex. The VSU testing officer, Mike Gibbons, will address the number of GACE administrations at VSU (perhaps four). Dr. McGahee noted the possibility of on-line administration of the GACE I. The scoring range is from 0 – 330 with a passing composite score of 220. Dr. McGahee has not been advised whether students may repeat parts of the exam to achieve the required composite score of 220.

Dr. McGahee stated that the GACE II scores will be available by February 22, 2007. He will transmit GACE information via COESTU. Maggie Roberts encouraged committee members to subscribe to COESTU to receive the same information as COE students. Since Infotech has recently updated COESTU, e-mail listings should be accurate.

Some discussion took place about declaring limited English proficiency on the GACE. Per Educational Testing Services (ETS) policy, an individual with a physical or “other disability” could declare limited proficiency in English to be allowed extra time on the test. National Evaluation Systems (NES) probably has a similar policy.

American Association for Colleges of Teacher Education (AACTE)

Dr. Gunter will pay the early registration fee for the annual AACTE meeting if at least 10 participants sign-up. The cut-off date for early bird registration is October 17, 2006. Please submit your registration to Dr. Gunter as soon as possible so accommodations can be made. Rooms are somewhat expensive, and costs can be substantially reduced through room sharing and early registration. The conference is in New York City, February 24-27, 2007. Drs. Lynn Minor, Sheryl Dasinger, David Monetti, Mary Ellen Dallman, Larry Wiley, and Jon Sizemore are among those presenting at the conference.

Agenda for NCATE Visit

Dr. Julie Lee as well as the COE Executive Committee will be interviewed by NCATE personnel. Dean Gunter asked for and received nominations for faculty participants in the NCATE interview process, including individuals teaching off campus and/or via distance learning. He also requested interview nominees from public school principals, especially those from partner schools. NCATE personnel will likewise meet with program coordinators, VSU field supervisors, individuals who have written grants, graduate faculty, and personnel from advanced programs as well as initial programs.

By next week, Dr. Gunter would like a list of two or three students from each department to showcase teacher work samples or presentations on Sunday evening (October 22, 2006) of the NCATE visit. These students would be invited to the dinner Sunday evening. Dr. Robert Bauer mentioned that several students had good presentations at the Georgia School Counselors Association meeting.

Dr. Gunter indicated that admissions personnel will be out of town and unavailable for interview. There will be an open faculty forum for interviews on both Monday and Tuesday, October 23 and 24. Maggie Roberts reminded committee members that Hammer House will take place on Monday and Tuesday morning of the NCATE team visit.

Dr. Gunter encouraged everyone, prior to the NCATE visit, to read both Dr. Levine's article and its review now available at the NCATE website.

Planning and Area F

The addition of the three courses to Area F, as requested by the Board of Regents (BOR), may provide an opportunity to restructure the curriculum. According to Dr. Gunter, while respect for the Specialized Professional Associations (SPAs) is important, adherence to the new BOR policy is compulsory regarding the following new courses:

EDUC 2110	Investigating Critical & Contemporary Issues in Education
EDUC 2120	Exploring Socio Cultural Perspectives on Diversity
EDUC 2130	Exploring Teaching & Learning

Changes made in the core curriculum are in response to the eight general education goals outlined by the BOR. The BOR must approve any major changes such as additions or deletions to a program, particularly for pre-law, engineering, medicine, and nursing.

Dean Gunter then reminded committee members of Valdosta State's attrition and retention rate. The graduate program at VSU retains fewer than 9 out of 15 students.

Buildings and Facilities

Dr. Bauer recently met with Robert Tindall (physical plant administration), Dr. Gunter, and Dr. Gerber regarding the facilities needs of Psychology and Counseling students and programs. Possibilities that Dr. Bauer will present to his departmental personnel include development of a new facility, adding onto the COE or some other building, and utilizing space in the Continuing Education Building for immediate relief.

Per Dr. Blake Pearce, Dr. Victoria Douglass, formerly of the Art Department, is a university architect at VSU and will help design any future facility.

Other Announcements

- Dr. Donnie McGahee noted that Fran Watkins seemed somewhat concerned that too many on-line courses within the undergraduate curriculum might cause the campus to lose ownership of the curriculum
- Drs. Lee and Gunter will ensure that all pieces are in place for the NCATE team, and the suggestion was made to acknowledge Dr. Lee's successfully extensive work with LiveText.
- Dr. Gunter will have his secretary, Debra Ryals, arrange a notary session (paid by VSU) for secretaries to begin or maintain their notary privileges.
- Dean Gunter thanked Dr. Andy Brovey for his attendance at the current meeting and noted that Joe Newton will attend next week's meeting (the last Thursday of every month).
- A list of revisions to the LiveText document will be available soon that should require a couple hours per program to incorporate.
- Dr. Bauer suggested that the entire university might want to consider implementing LiveText, and Dr. Gunter noted that he gave Drs. Zaccari, Levy, and Krotseng a visitor's pass to review the NCATE LiveText document prior to their interviews with the NCATE team.
- Dr. Gunter will give the NCATE program review template to the various program coordinators to familiarize them with the review rubric.prior to the NCATE team's arrival.
- The next COE Executive Committee meeting will be September 28, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
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