

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OCTOBER 27, 2005

Dr. Zouhar – Palacký University

At the beginning of the COE Executive Committee meeting, Dr. Robert Bauer introduced Dr. Vit Zouhar, Vice-Dean for Science, Research, Art, and Foreign Affairs at Palacký University in Olomouc, Czech Republic. Dean Gunter indicated that Dr. Zouhar and the pedagogical faculty are familiar to us since Dr. Julie Reffel traveled to Olomouc in summer 2004 and he recently completed a trip to the Czech Republic to meet the dean of the pedagogical faculty (similar to the VSU College of Education). Dr. Bauer noted that both deans have similar backgrounds in the area of special education, and Dr. Zouhar interjected that he was very appreciative of the invitation to come to VSU and looked forward to continuing cooperation since he and Dr. Gunter had discussed exchange possibilities. Drs. Bauer and Zouhar met with Dean Gunter, President Zaccari, and others, expanding the relationship between the two universities appears to be in progress. Dr. Gunter mentioned that Dr. Zahner had attended a video conference of the Association for Education, Communication, and Technology that included representatives from Hungary, the Czech Republic, and the U.S.

Dr. Bauer briefly described the Maymester program where U.S. students may pursue courses in abnormal psychology, educational psychology, and industrial/organizational and Chez Cultural Studies psychology with students at Palacký University. Dr. Bauer noted that the equivalent departmental title at Palacký University is the Department of Psychology and Pathological Psychology. Both departments have much in common, and the exchange program appears off to a good start. Dean Gunter again thanked Dr. Zouhar for his time and stated that the people were the most enjoyable aspect of his earlier trip to the Czech Republic.

Performance Assessment Institute Participants

Since three COE faculty members are able to attend the Performance Assessment Institute, and since the COE Executive Committee voted but could not reach a consensus, Dean Gunter will contact the appropriate offices to determine if four individuals (Drs. Verilette Hinkle, Karla Hull, Heather Brasell, and Diane Judd) can attend. This year the institute will meet December 8 thru 10, and then February 16 thru 18, May 18 thru 20, June 15 thru 17, and September 28 thru 30 in 2006. Dr. Lynn Corbin will represent the College of Arts at the institute.

Improving Teacher Quality State Grants

Dr. Gunter encouraged faculty and administrators to file proposals. The deadline is January 10, 2006. According to the circulated announcement, awards may range from \$5,000 to \$75,000 with a possible 15-month funding period. The purpose of each grant is to plan and conduct professional learning experiences to strengthen teachers' content knowledge in their academic subjects with particular attention to content implemented within the Georgia Performance Standards (GPS). The VSU Office of Grants and Contracts would like these completed by no later than January 3, 2006. Dr. Gunter said that the grants will likely be reviewed by the end of January and awards made in February. Forms and guidelines are available at the UGA Teacher Quality website (www.coe.uga.edu/teacherquality/).

Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education (GPEE)

Per a 10/21/05 memo from the GPEE office, Georgia Partnership will provide all meals and single-occupancy hotel room for each participant in a bus tour of N.W. Georgia school systems. The forms and memo regarding this 13th annual bus trip across northwest Georgia are available through the official COE Minutes web link. VSU will send one student representative. Dr. Reffel suggested that several student teachers might be eligible to take the trip, especially since student teaching should be near completion by November 16. Dr. Gunter asked for nominees by the end of the day. He will then forward the list to the Honors Committee to choose the VSU representative. Dr. Gunter will contact Jan Kettlewell's office to determine the deadline for submitting VSU's nominee.

FERPA Reminder from Dr. Levy's Office

Dean Gunter reminded everyone of the memo from Dr. Levy's office regarding students' grades and federal regulations related to the private communication of grades. The memo requested that grades be posted so that no student is identifiable. Dr. Gunter asked faculty to transmit no grades via telephone or e-mail.

Georgia Assess Online

With the full support of the COE Executive Committee, Drs. Gunter and Lee will work out the details for pre- and post measures for the online technology competency test available (at no cost) from the Professional Standards Commission (PSC). An e-mail from Mr. Hall's office at the PSC mentioned that this online assessment was a useful and valid measure; Dr. Lee requested a copy of the email for NCATE documentation purposes. Access to the online assessment is via a code supplied by the PSC. Dr. Gunter will share this information with 2 or 3 individuals who may assist in a group administration of the exam. Although the online assessment takes approximately 30 minutes to complete, students will have 2 hours for completion. The administration will take place in computer labs on campus, most likely during a student's tech course or 2999 course. Per Dr. McGahee's recommendation, a second administration of the exam (post measure) will likely occur during the student teaching process when all student teachers are required to be on campus.

Programs: Clarification of PSC/VSU Discrepancies

Dr. Lee provided the committee with a list from the PSC and a copy of the webpage listing VSU certification programs. VSU must provide a revision of these lists to bring the information up to date. Corrections as well as various certification name changes will be forwarded to the Professional Standards Commission by this afternoon (10/27/05). Dr. Lee reminded the COE Executive Committee that many of the name changes and certification changes in special education relate to the special ed changes noted by Fran Watkins during last week's meeting (please refer to the COE Minutes link). As discussed, some of the changes include deactivation of certification in learning disabilities and name changes in special education certification programs (e.g., mental retardation). Likewise included in this revised list are changes to areas of endorsement (e.g., director of career and technical education instead of director of vocational education). In addition to discontinuance of certification in learning disabilities, the behavior disorders special education certification was also discontinued. The finalized list of changes will be linked to the COE Minutes, and, as stated previously, relate to state preparation rule changes and should facilitate communication between VSU and the Professional Standards Commission. For the reader's convenience, the COE Minutes link is:

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

2999 Course and Preregistration for Transfer Students

Dean Gunter indicated that transfer students currently enrolled in 2999 were not informed that they must have an "S" in order to pre-register. As a result, approximately 90 students were unable to pre-register. Following lengthy committee discussion, Dr. Gunter will investigate the situation and will consider allowing those students to register.

Ranking Initiatives

Dr. Gunter will soon forward the ranked initiatives for the planning/funding process. Initiatives in process total over \$208 million. Approximately 20 of the initiatives submitted to Dr. Gunter have no dollar value attached. Dean Gunter noted that he may rank approximately 12 items lower since funding for these might be available from his office; he advised department heads that the ranking process has not yet been finalized.

Conceptual Framework/Deposits

Dr. Gunter appointed two subcommittees to consider the conceptual framework and deposits, or dispositional measures, to be used by the College of Education. Appointees to the Conceptual Framework Committee include Adele Ducharme, Mike Griffin, Jane Zahner, Julie Lee, and Donnie McGahee. The Deposits (dispositional measures) Committee includes Maggie Roberts, Ray Martinez, Robert Bauer, Brian Gerber, and Don Leech. Dean Gunter asked these committees to meet prior to the next COE Executive Committee meeting (11-10-05) and provide a report at that time.

Chili Cook-Off

Given the discussion of culinary skills during food preparation at the tailgate party and more recent conversations, Ray Martinez will lead a team for the chili cook-off scheduled November 5 prior to the football game. Dean Gunter will pay the \$25 entrance fee and will place the names of all COE Executive Committee members on the entry form that is due October 28. Dr. Zahner offered to assist with the Best Chili Cook-Off Costume. Prizes are also available for the best tent. The chili must be cooked on-site. Dr. Julie Reffel will provide the propane stove, and Dr. Gunter will provide the tent. It was suggested that Drs. Bauer and Hummel be contacted since a chili cook-off contest has previously occurred in the Department of Psychology and Counseling. Psychology Department personnel may be able to offer additional advice.

Reffel's Bail

Dr. Julie Reffel circulated a "Wanted" poster for donations to the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) lock-up on November 9. Donations may be made by check or credit card and forwarded to the Department of Early Childhood and Reading Education and will be used for many MDA projects. Dr. Reffel, whose bail is \$2,600, thanked everyone for helping her post bond.

Music Education Curriculum Change

Dr. Corbin circulated two requests for curricular changes and two requests for course revision in Music Education Choral/General. The course revisions pertain to a change in checkpoint course from MUSC 3650 (Conducting) to MUE 3100 (Arranging for School Band, Chorus, and Orchestra), a change in course numbering for the senior curriculum, and a change in core curriculum course requirements. The COE Executive Committee voted to accept these changes if discussed by the Music Advisory Committee. If the Advisory Committee has not yet discussed the proposals, the COE Executive Committee will postpone its vote until Dr. Corbin contacts committee members either by telephone or at the next Music Advisory Committee meeting on November 15.

Announcements

Spring rosters are due October 28. If some details cannot be resolved, Dean Gunter said to designate those as TBA.

Program coordinators need one-course released time for assistance with NCATE during spring semester 2006.

Dean Gunter assured committee members that the update on the servers for the COE involved replacing some files, but that no files have been lost. He will verify, via e-mail as soon as possible, that some files are inaccessible not lost.

Dr. Leech noted that some staff development funds might remain. This information will be available at the next COE Executive Committee meeting.

Dr. Julie Reffel reminded committee members that Kelly Dengel will be on campus from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., November 10, as a speaker for People to People International. Some of the People to People international programs include: The Student Ambassador Program, Sports Ambassador Program, World Leadership Forum, and Future Leader and Leadership Summits.

Dr. Hilgert reminded everyone of the Response to Intervention distance learning workshop being offered from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. on November 8th in Room 304 of the Continuing Education Building.

Dr. Zahner reminded everyone of the Best Value for Your Educational Dollar status that VSU received recently via web announcement.

As always, please forward any additions, corrections, deletions, or omissions at your earliest convenience. The next COE Executive Committee meeting will be November 10, 2005.

Larry Hilgert