

**333DEWAR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
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Prior Learning Assessment

Dr. Jerry Merwin gave a presentation on prior learning assessment (PLA). Drs. Heather Brasell, Beverly Richardson-Blake, and Barbara Stanley have also worked on this process. The purpose of PLA is to provide a framework for assessment of prior learning that fits within the constructs of a particular course based on the listed objectives for that course. The PLA pilot project at VSU is similar to that used for other prior learning assessment such as the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Advanced Placement, Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Educational Support (DANTES), ACE credits, or departmental exams.

This pilot project arose from a VSU strategic planning goal to provide an alternative documentation format for candidates to provide evidence they have knowledge and skills for a specific course's learning outcomes. Candidates must also demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the theory behind the prior learning. Evidence of relevant experience could include courses, training programs, work experience, etc. A documentation form for evidence of prior learning has been developed, and standards have been established. A report from this pilot program will be generated soon.

Early College Update

Drs. Phil Gunter and Brian Gerber met November 12, 2007 with the Valdosta City Board of Education. Dr. Bill Cason, Finance Director for the Valdosta City School System, and Mrs. Jeana Beeland had a few questions regarding the timeline for the Early College Program. Dr. Cason thought the program should begin in sixth grade rather than fourth. Since they felt it was important to pursue this program, the item was moved to an action item for Monday, November 26, 2007. S.L. Mason Elementary School will likely be the venue for this program, but the Dewar College of Education may be the temporary location for these early college students.

Green Roof

The roof supports for the College of Education can withstand approximately 50 lbs. per square foot, thus making a green roof possible. The green roof will utilize one-third to one-half of the roof space for comparative purposes. Additional space may be added later. While re-roofing would normally cost approximately \$18 per square foot, the green roof will cost approximately \$25-27 per square foot. Solar or wind panels are also a possibility with the help of Georgia Power. Pre-measures of heat on the roof will be taken as well as heat measurements after the green roof is in place.

Advisor Evaluation Update

Maggie Roberts reported that an e-mail went out to 3,697 majors concerning advisor evaluation of their advisors. A report is sent to each department. The link for evaluation of advisement is located at <http://www.valdosta.edu/coe/advising/>

Graduate and Employer Success Stories

Dr. Julie Lee requested graduate and employer success stories as soon as possible. Educational Leadership and school counselor stories are also requested.

SACS Update

Dr. Julie Lee reported that only those off-campus programs with some substantive changes require notification to SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) about those changes. Site changes (additional sites) should be addressed. Current off-campus sites include Kings Bay, Moody Air Force Base, the Marine Corps in Albany, Waycross, Bainbridge, South Georgia College in Douglas, and Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

Teacher Production Discussion

An e-mail from Chancellor Davis to Jan Kettlewell with her e-mailed response was circulated to committee members and prompted a rather lengthy discussion. Of note is the need for better communication to the public from personnel in higher education. For example, consultation with the public would be the first step in refining the core curriculum. Personnel in higher education should communicate current positive undertakings. A current problem relates to the number of teachers leaving the field. Last year, 15,000 teachers left (10,000 were new teachers with fewer than 5 years experience). The need to communicate this information through appropriate channels, including the Chamber of Commerce (since there is an economic impact), was discussed. Discussions with legislators (e.g., Amy Carter, since she is a former teacher, and Tim Golden) could be beneficial. Individuals retiring from chemistry, physics, and engineering fields might be interested in teaching as a second career.

ICAPP Health Professionals Initiative Phase IV Application Workshop

Drs. Robert Bauer, Larry Hilgert, and David Wasieleski attended a workshop on November 13th at East Georgia College. Dr. Barbara Gray (VSU Grants and Contracts) also attended this workshop. Based on the information presented in the workshop Dr. Bauer noted that Georgia institutions graduated 34 psychologists in 2005 and will need an additional 850 psychologists by 2012. Current USG program limitations will not allow enough individuals to graduate in order to meet the need. Dr. Kris Beisenger reported on the USG franchise models now in place for teacher education and indicated that such a franchise model may be extended to the health care profession. Dr. Valerie Hepburn reported on the USG's Intellectual Capital Partnership Program (ICAPP) and the concept application process for Phase IV of ICAPP was discussed. ICAPP has already been used to provide funds for education in nursing. Concept applications are being considered ICAPP for phase IV Health Professional Initiatives that would provide training in allied health care for two years, beginning in fall, 2009. If selected a full proposal would be required for each concept application. Additional ICAPP requirements include 1.) a commitment from employers for at least 10 jobs, 2.) that public private partnerships be used in funding, and 3.) that only an exhibiting degree program provide the education. It will be difficult to meet all of these ICAPP requirements at this time.

Announcements

- Happy Thanksgiving Holiday
- November 26, 2007 – 4:00 p.m. – COE Assessment Committee Meeting
- November 29, 2007 – The next COE Executive Committee Meeting will be a data work session (fall data) with program coordinators.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Hilgert