

**DEWAR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
JANUARY 24, 2008**

The meeting began at 8:30 a.m. and Dean Gunter advised that, if necessary, Dr. Julie Lee would continue with meeting proceedings while he attended a 10:00 a.m. deans' interview of a candidate for vice-president of university advancement.

**Advanced Placement (AP) Update**

Dr. David Monetti is working with RESA on curriculum for the AP Summer Institute in coordination offices in Athens. AP Teacher certification courses will be offered in English Literature and Composition, Biology, and United State History. Registration will take place through VSU Continuing Education.

**Upcoming Belize Work**

Dr. Brian Gerber leaves in February for an institutional visit to Belize to develop a student teacher exchange program. Students from Belize would complete the last 1½ years of their program at VSU. Dr. Ivan Nikolov has been very helpful. Dr. Gerber's son will attend a public school in Belize during the visit.

**Relay for Life**

Dr. Julie Reffel noted that Relay for Life registration will begin on Monday. The Relay will take place April 11/12.

**International Folk Fair**

The Azalea International Folk Fair & Dance Competition is scheduled for March 8, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Last year the event had 800 attendees. Dr. Reffel distributed a flyer as well as a sign-up sheet for anyone able to serve as a tour guide or community ambassador during the fair.

**Course Evaluations**

Dr. Reffel distributed course evaluations – a folder for each faculty member as well as a departmental folder. While ORACLE generates a PDF file from LiveText submissions, some information must still be hand sorted. The LiveText mail server sends course evaluation requests (student opinion of instruction) to students for those course instructors listed in BANNER.

**Title II GACE Report**

The preliminary GACE Report lists statistics for program completers from Valdosta State University. Data are not provided for those fields where fewer than 10 individuals took the exam; however, those students' results are included in the overall pass rates. A rejoinder is being filed to correct any GACE inaccuracies. Please see Dr. Donnie McGahee for GACE scores that are not listed. Other school professionals are not included in the report. The score reports for the GACE are not as detailed as for the PRAXIS.

## **On-Line Programs**

Dr. Julie Lee reminded Executive Committee members that approval from the Board of Regents (BOR) is needed for those programs that are 100% on-line (e.g., the Ed.S. in Special Education, the IT degree, and franchise programs). Endorsements are not included. Please verify whether a program includes on-line courses from other departments that might require BOR approval by approaching the 50% on-line reporting criterion.

## **Board of Regents' Teacher Report**

The online program information is to be submitted with the BOR Teacher Report.

## **Curriculum Changes**

Dr. Brian Gerber distributed some curricular changes and noted that he would e-mail other slight modifications to Executive Committee members. Included in the changes is the discontinuation of the master's degree in art education. A new art education track will be offered within the existing M.Ed. in Middle Grades or Secondary Education and will still be aligned with the National Association of Art Educators.

Other revisions included course additions to Area F in special education (deaf and hard of hearing) and course prefix changes in special education (deaf and hard of hearing) and American sign language/interpreting as well as a degree name change, additional admission requirements, a course number correction, more flexibility in content course selection, and a change in required courses from Middle, Secondary, Reading, & Deaf Education

## **Degree Major Name Change for ADS**

Dr. Rey Martinez circulated a memorandum to be sent to Dr. Levy regarding a change of name for the Administrative Services (ADS) degree major to the Office Administration and Technology (OAT) degree major. Following review, the Executive Committee recommended attachment of a Curriculum Change Form and minor revisions to the memorandum.

## **Early College Program**

Dr. Brian Gerber provided an update on the Early College Program. Thus far, two 3-hour sessions have been taken place Valdosta City Schools personnel.

## **Announcements**

- Thursday, January 31, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. – Next meeting of College of Education Executive Committee to include technology update and data focus
- February 2, 2008 – Visitation Day
- February 3, 2008 – Super Bowl
- February 4, 2008 – Tuba Ensemble

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Hilgert