

**DEWAR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MARCH 20, 2008**

**Teacher Quality Grants**

Dr. Brian Gerber noted the recipients of Teacher Quality Grants: Drs. Sandy Jones, Tom Manning, Anne Marie Smith, Viki Soady, and Brian Gerber . Forty-nine out of 105 total grant submission were selected. Five of the seven 1-year grants submitted from VSU were funded at \$40,000 – \$50,000 each.

**Deans' Council Meeting**

The following items were noted from the Deans' Council meeting of March 19, 2008.

- ◆ Dean Gunter noted that Dr. Levy commented on last week's library break-in. The large wooden front doors will be replaced with more secure glass doors. The only library property damaged during the vandalism was the model of the library. Apparently, after breaking into the library, someone threw the library replica from the second-floor balcony to the first floor.

- ◆ Follow-up efforts will attempt to identify the sender of the written bomb threat that necessitated evacuation of the University Center. The evacuation proceeded well.

- ◆ There are six candidates for the position of Dean, Arts and Sciences. An announcement regarding the Dean, Graduate School will be made at the Faculty Senate meeting today.

- ◆ Dr. Wayne Plumly will serve as the acting dean of the College of Business.

- ◆ Due to budget cuts, planned travel should be filed before the end of the month. While there will be no funding for new positions, current searches and positions appear stable.

- ◆ Vice-president Levy will be sharing information regarding the committee to evaluate the new core curriculum implemented by the Board of Regents.

**Merit**

Per Dr. Gunter, any merit raise greater than 2.59% requires a written justification. The range is 1.8 – 2.0 with an average of 2% available in the general pool available for merit pay raises.

**Building Issues**

Dr. Gunter indicated that the installation of cut-off valves in the COE restrooms necessitated temporarily turning off the plumbing. As a result, the fire alarms activated. Dr. Gunter stated that Public Safety was not aware the alarms had sounded. Another faculty member noted a similar incident in the Special Education and Communication Disorders Building.

## **New Franchise Degrees/Endorsements**

Several program administrators met via the web to view the latest franchise information from the Board of Regents. The franchises have worked well from a business perspective. Special Education has received a significant amount of revenue that must be spent by the end of the current fiscal year. The revenues return to the originating department that offers these on-line processes. Dr. Robert Bauer mentioned the possibility of a franchise track or certification in gifted education as well as the possibility of making the core curriculum in Area F available on-line. The deadline to apply for new franchises is April 15, 2008.

## **Ph.D. in Communication Sciences and Disorders**

Since Dr. Corine Myers-Jennings was absent due to her mother's illness, Dr. Lee presented the proposed Ph.D. program for her. Suggested modifications included moving a particular elective course (related to university teaching) to the foundational course area and adjusting elective courses to primarily have a child developmental focus. The Executive Committee suggested development of admission criteria; however, Dr. Lee noted that such criteria were not required by the Board of Regents at the program proposal stage. The program proposal was to be presented to the Advisory Committee later on March 20, 2008. Once the program receives approval from the Board of Regents, NCATE and SACS should be informed during fall, 2008. Program proposals for doctoral-level instruction are being considered from Kennesaw, West Georgia, and Georgia Southern. A benefit of such a program would be the generation of additional grants. The Executive Committee decided to examine the proposal one more time with a revised copy to be sent to committee members prior to the next COE Executive Committee meeting on March 27.

## **LiveText Users' Conference**

A LiveText Users' Conference will take place tomorrow in Macon. The van, with five attendees, will leave VSU at 9:00 a.m. and return at 6:00 p.m. There is room if anyone else would like to go.

## **Report from Kennesaw State Impact on P-12 Learning Conference**

Dr. Gunter reported that good information was presented at the conference, although it was poorly attended. He and Drs. Lorraine and Richard Schmertzinger represented 10% of the attendees. If anyone desired to know what a Wiki was, Dr. Gunter would speak on that topic at their convenience. Fidelity and subjectivity, that often become part of the measures used for P-12 learning assessment, were discussed at the conference.

## **Mentor Teacher Training**

Dr. Donnie McGahee stated that on April 30 Dr. Lynn Minor will provide mentor teacher training for 70 registrants.

## **LiveText Assessment Data Entry**

Dr. Julie Reffel announced the LiveText data entry meeting to take place next Thursday at 8:30 a.m. Entry of your correct BANNER identification and correct e-mail address into the LiveText software is important so that downloads for classes can begin at the start of summer semester.

## **Early College Update**

The Early College Advisory Board met last Friday morning. Dawn Cooper from the Board of Regents was working with the Advisory Board. The Early College Program will receive \$150,000 from the BOR; the funding must be spent by June 30, 2008. A new principal will be hired at a potential salary of \$100,000. The Early College Program potential was reviewed.

## **Catalog Updates**

All updates should be sent to Dr. McGahee by noon on Monday (March 24) so modifications can be made. Please check course numbers.

## **SACS Update**

The SACS document distributed to Executive Committee members still contains some errors. Please review it thoroughly. Dr. Lee has worked extensively to list all the program changes since the last SACS visit.

## **Senate Elections**

Five Faculty Senate seats require action. Two of the five seats will require new appointments. Additionally, one seat is open on the Academic Committee; and Dr. Bob Hull has agreed to continue serving on the Grievance Committee. Please forward names of interested individuals by next Friday. Terms for available seats expire July 31, 2008.

## **Advisor Evaluations**

Electronic advisor evaluations will be available for students to complete from April 7-11.

## **Positions**

According to Dr. Rey Martinez, two positions are available in Adult and Career Education; Dr. Don Leech noted three available positions in Curriculum, Leadership, and Technology; Dr. Robert Bauer has one open position in Psychology and Counseling; Dr. Mike Griffin (Kinesiology & PE) has all positions filled; Dr. Karla Hull indicated that Special Education had seven available positions with four remaining to be filled; Dr. Barbara Stanley noted three of six available positions filled (Scott Grubbs is now permanent); Dr. Ransom Gladwin indicated that the position in Modern & Classical Languages was cut.

## **Miscellaneous**

Dr. Gladwin mentioned that Spanish is now offered at J. L. Newbern and Valdosta Middle School. Additional teachers are needed.

The Georgia Psychological Society will meet in Macon on April 19, 2008.

Georgia on My Line proposals for the presentation on April 20, 2008 to the Board of Regents should be limited to 10 pages. Program approval notification should be available by May 7, 2008. Proposals may include endorsement and degree programs, and collaboration is encouraged. Collaboration may include institutions outside the state of Georgia.

## **Announcements**

- Merit Recommendations due tomorrow
- March 27 – 8:30 a.m. – Next COE Executive Committee meeting (data meeting)
- March 29 – Final Visitation of the year
- April 1 – Ph.D. presentation to the Board of Regents
- April 11 – Relay for Life
- April 15 – College of Education Honors Night
- April 24-25 – Prior Learning Assessment meeting in Calloway
- April 29-30 – EPAAC
- May 1 – VSU Honors Night
- May 3 (Saturday) at 10:00 a.m. – Graduation
- May 5 at 9:00 a.m. – Grades due

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Hilgert