

**Dewar College of Education
Field Experience Committee Meeting
February 22, 2012**

Members Present: Julie Lee, Jamie Bird, Scarlet Brown, Sharon Flythe, Deb Marciano, Iris Ellis, E-Ling Hsiao, Lorena Cole, Mary Willis, Paula McNeill, Michael Cathey, Rudo Tsemunhu, Teddi J. Cunningham, and Shirley Andrews.

Guest: Dean Karla Hull

Dr. Julie Lee welcomed everyone present. Introductions were made at this time. Members were thanked for their willingness to participate. Historical background of the committee was presented by Dr. Lee. The committee in years past was mainly in charge of organizing and facilitating the Student Teaching Professional Development Day. Dr. Lee stated that the task of the committee has now changed and will now focus on P-12 partnerships and making the field experiences for our university students stronger and more effective.

Dean Hull provided a handout on Field Experiences and Clinical Practice which was given to all members present. The information provided was from the NCATE Blue ribbon Report on Clinical Preparation and Partnerships for Improved Student Learning. (See attached and follow link below for further information.) This report was released in November 2010 and the Field Experience Committee last year reviewed and made some recommendations. Dr. Hull stated that we all need to rethink our field experiences and clinical practice and find ways to work together to accomplish more effective and successful experiences for all involved. To better prepare university students for their work in schools, we need to ensure that they have many opportunities for feedback from their instructors. Dr. Hull stated that students need to experience all aspects of teaching as well as full day experiences. This needs to occur early and often and prior to student teaching/internships. We need to not be a "guest" in our cooperating schools rather, full contributing partners in the process.

Ideas and questions mentioned and briefly discussed were:

- What is the definition of a highly effective teacher?
- What makes a good mentor teacher?
- The need for university students to be knowledgeable regarding current educational trends.
- Co-teaching/coaching environments could be established with our students and the schools.
- Do we still provide September Field Experience for our students? Students need to see the beginning of schools in order to know how each school year starts.

- Do our students enter the COE with previous experience in working with children? Summer camps, Boys and Girls Clubs, etc. It was suggested that CPIE may provide an avenue for this.
 - Are we looking into offering the Teacher Leader Endorsement to possibly help with our task? Valdosta City is in the process of doing this.
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Dr. Lee suggested that we schedule our next meeting in 3-4 weeks in which all committee members would have Item 1A completed. It was also suggested to bring in some of our mentor teachers and administrators who would be willing to provide additional support and ideas. Scarlett and Sharon will provide these names and send to Dr. Lee. Meeting should take place around 3:30 and it was recommended that refreshments be provided.

Previous committee members include: Melanie Mares, Darrell Jones, Kevin Daw, and Ingrid Hall. Possible representatives mentioned include Jenny Thornton (Valdosta City Schools) and Randy Cooper (Lowndes County Schools).

Link to NCATE Blue Ribbon Report

<http://www.ncate.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=zzeiB1OogPk%3d&tabid=715>