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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The College of Education Executive Committee met on Thursday, February 23, 2006, at 8:30 a.m. in Room 255 in the Education Center with Dr. Gerber presiding. Members present were: Drs. McGahee, Zahner, Lee, Reffel, Griffin, Hilgert, Soady, Leech, Bauer, Corbin, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Grubbs (for Ducharme), and Ms. Roberts. Guest: Dr. Diane Judd.

Dr. Gerber reported that Dr. Lee, Dr. Hull, and he had developed five assessments to be used for advanced programs. These five assessments are: advanced literature review assessment, advanced educator disposition form, advanced teacher self-assessment, advanced impact on P-12 learning assessment, and comprehensive exam assessment (or acceptable substitute). Dr. Lee has distributed these assessments electronically to all department heads. She distributed hard copies of these assessments at the meeting and reviewed all of them thoroughly.

Dr. Lee distributed the "COE Graduate Program Improvement Survey Data for 2004-2005." Some of the results from the survey included: over 90 percent of graduates graded their preparation program as "A" or "B"; over 90 percent graded their preparation for integrating technology into teaching as "A" or "B"; over 80 percent rated the field experiences in their programs as "very helpful" or "helpful"; approximately 95 percent said that they were adequately prepared to provide instruction for diverse learners; approximately 80 percent rated themselves as either "very prepared" or "prepared" to teach the content in their certification areas; approximately 80 percent rated themselves as adequately prepared in the area of classroom management; and over 80 percent said that they were adequately prepared to used varied assessment and instructional methods in their teaching.

Dr. Bauer moved approval of a proposed change in a prerequisite for ITED 8300; Dr. Griffin seconded the motion. Dr. Zahner explained that the present prerequisite of ITED 7301 was being dropped and that ITED 8200 was being added as a prerequisite. It was suggested that a clearer justification be added to the form; Dr. Zahner agreed to make this change. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Gerber tabled the next item on the agenda, which was ACED 2400. Dr. Martinez, who had asked that the item be on the agenda, was not in attendance.

Dr. Zahner distributed a proposal written by Dr. Nikolov, Director for International Programs. The proposal offers VSU as a training site for one representative of the Azerbaijan Ministry of Education for a five-month training program. The proposal has been approved. The person selected for the five-month training program at VSU is Aybaniz Aliyeva; she will be on campus from March 3 until July 26. Dr. Zahner asked department heads for assistance in identifying faculty members in their departments who might be able to assist with this project.

The following announcements were made:

The next meeting of Executive Committee is March 9.

VSU Honors Day is March 29.

The COE Honors Night is April 18.

The BOR approved the new name for the Department of Curriculum, Leadership, and Technology.

Ms. Roberts is in the process of reviewing the peer advising program.

Dr. Bauer is leaving in a few days for the Czech Republic.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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