



MINUTES OF THE MEETING

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The College of Education Executive Committee met on Thursday, May 19, 2005, at 8:30 a.m. in Room 255 in the Education Center with Dean Gunter presiding. Members present were: Drs. McGahee, Ducharme, Thomerson, Price, Atterbom, Siegrist, Reffel, Lee, Hertzog, Bauer, Gerber, Hull, Mr. Pearce, and Ms. Roberts.

Dr. Bauer moved approval of revisions in the title and course description for KSPE 7140; the proposed new title is "Physical Education for Teachers." Dr. Atterbom seconded the motion. After some minor changes in the justification, the motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Ducharme moved approval of changes in the M.Ed. program in Early Childhood Education; Dr. Bauer seconded the motion. Dr. Reffel explained that these proposed changes are designed to "open up" the program a little more. In the proposed program, students would be allowed to choose one of four areas of specialization: ESOL, gifted, preschool special education, or math. All students will be required to complete the three courses needed for the reading endorsement. Students who have already completed the reading endorsement would, instead, choose two areas of specialization. Changes were made in the titles and/or course descriptions of ECED 7210, 7320, and 7330. Some changes were suggested for some of the course descriptions and justifications. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Hertzog moved approval of changes in the B.S. and B.A. programs in Psychology. In both programs, PSYC 4500, Special Topics in Psychology, would be added to give students more options in the programs. An additional proposed change in the programs would require transfer students who do not meet the VSU Area F program requirements to take, as guided electives, the needed coursework as guided electives to enable them to meet the VSU Area F program requirements. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Reffel announced that she had received feedback on the proposed conceptual framework. She recommended that the conceptual framework be adopted. Further suggestions were made for changes. Dr. Reffel will make these changes and present the framework for approval at next week's meeting.

Dr. Hertzog discussed the work of the PSC Evaluation Review Panel, of which she is a member. She stressed the importance of the assessment standard--that a fully developed assessment plan be in place which reflects the conceptual framework. Additionally, data must be collected on a systematic basis and documentation must be provided of how this data is used; also two years' worth of data must be provided. She emphasized the importance of the SPA reports and of having in place a plan for recruitment and retention of diverse faculty. Dr. Hertzog also announced that PSC is considering replacing Praxis I and Praxis II with a test developed by the state.

Dr. Lee announced that the Board of Regents will sponsor a faculty institute on performance assessment next year. Each institution will send a faculty team. The purpose of the institute will be to examine how institutions model performance assessment in their programs.

Drs. McGahee and Lee distributed the student teaching data for Fall, 2004. Dr. McGahee explained that Dr. Cox was owed a great deal of appreciation for analyzing all of this data. Dr. McGahee explained how the individual notebooks were organized. He announced that Dr. Cox would have the Spring, 2005, student teaching data available in a few weeks.

Dr. Lee announced that she would be glad to meet with individual departments about the program reports they are preparing for PSC/NCATE.

Dean Gunter distributed a template for submitting proposals for new doctoral degrees.

Dr. McGahee distributed a letter from the Board of Regents' office announcing that Georgia Power would again sponsor the New Teacher Assistance Grants. He also distributed applications for the grants and asked that nominations be submitted to Ms. Iris Ellis, chair of the COE Honors Committee, by Monday, June 6.

Dean Gunter announced that he would like to have a two-day retreat sometime in July. He also announced that the Executive Committee would meet next Thursday, May 26.

Ms. Roberts announced that Mr. Don Puckett will be on campus on August 19. Mr. Puckett is an inspirational speaker who talks to various teachers' groups about a variety of ways to incorporate physical activities in all classrooms. The student teachers will be invited to attend; faculty are also encouraged to bring their classes. The presentation is tentatively scheduled in the PE Complex.

Dean Gunter announced that the COE has been awarded \$300,000 to develop academic training modules in special education in the areas of reading and mathematics.

Dr. Bauer noted a movement in the state to allow licensed psychologists to become school psychologists. The Georgia Association of School Psychologists

(GASP) has initiated a letter-writing campaign against this movement.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

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