



MINUTES OF THE MEETING
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The College of Education Executive Committee met on Thursday, June 2, 2005, at 8:30 a.m. in Room 255 in the Education Center with Dean Gunter presiding. Members present were: Drs. McGahee, Hull, Hertzog, Ducharme, Price, Lee, Reffel, Siegrist, Bauer, Gerber, Willis, Mr. Pearce, and Ms. Roberts.

Dean Gunter had asked Dr. McGahee to chair a committee comprised of Drs. Siegrist, Bauer, Ducharme, Hull, and Price to determine a policy about how to deal with students who completed little or no coursework at VSU but yet requested that VSU recommend them to PSC for professional certification. Dr. McGahee reported that the committee had met twice about this issue. He also reported that, because the COE had such a variety of programs and endorsements with varying number of hours of coursework required, it was difficult to establish a rule about requiring a specific number of hours or percentage of coursework be taken at VSU. Therefore, the committee developed policy statements about this issue which it recommended be added to both the undergraduate and graduate catalogs. Dr. McGahee distributed a handout with the policy statements. After some editorial changes, Dr. McGahee moved approval of a motion to add the following policy statements to the undergraduate and graduate catalogs; Dr. Bauer seconded the motion. The four statements are:

Initial contact about certification should be made in the College of Education dean's office (Education Center, Room 227).

Certification-only programs are developed by the department of the student's chosen major.

Certification is conditional upon a student's being accepted into a certification-only program. Students must satisfy departmental standards for certification through whatever mechanisms are recommended by that department. However, a portion of the certification requirements, as determined by each department for individual students, must be completed at VSU.

The College of Education reserves the right to refuse to recommend an individual for professional certification to the Georgia Professional Standards Commission.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Dean Gunter announced that Dr. Reffel would serve on a university committee to review the university strategic planning database. Specifically, the committee will look for ways to improve the database. One suggestion was for improving the feedback about budget requests which are submitted using the database. Other suggestions for Dr. Reffel should be sent to her by Tuesday, June 7, 2005.

Dean Gunter reported on the EPAAC/COE deans' meeting which he had attended on May 26-27 in Macon. Issues/announcements covered at this meeting included:

After March 31, 2005, teachers who achieve national board certification will receive a 10 percent increase in their salary only if they are teaching in a school which has been on the "needs improvement" list for two years.

PSC is working with National Evaluation Systems to develop state tests to replace both Praxis I and Praxis II. The goal is to have these new tests in place by Fall, 2006.

Effective July 1, 2006, the state legislature will provide liability insurance for student teachers. However, this insurance will not cover the cost of attorney's fees.

A new legislative bill (SB 34) creates a "master teacher" category. PSC must develop the criteria for a master teacher. The bill also approves funding for an academic coach position in each school; the academic coach must be a master teacher. Although the Department of Education will be responsible for determining the specific role of the academic coaches, their general role will be to assist and mentor beginning teachers.

Both the leadership and counseling programs must be redesigned in two years.

The Board of Regents is developing a database which will allow teacher education institutions to find graduates who are working or teaching in Georgia public schools. This system should be operational within two months. The Board of Regents is sponsoring a training workshop for this system in July in Athens; Dean Gunter asked Drs. Lee and McGahee to attend.

The new Special Education certification rules will be voted on next month.

Dr. Kettlewell announced that funding might be available for the BOR's "double-double" initiative (to double the number of teachers produced in

Georgia). She also distributed the new Area F guidelines; these are to be implemented by Fall, 2006. A draft alignment chart of the NCATE standards and Regents' principles was distributed.

Dean Gunter distributed a draft proposal for a joint program for a "birth to age 5" baccalaureate program between the Board of Regents and the Department of Technical and Adult Education.

Dean Gunter asked department heads to send him the names of faculty they wished to nominate for COE committee chairs.

Ms. Roberts announced that an orientation for fall semester would be held Saturday; orientation for summer semester will be Monday at 10:00 a.m.

Dr. McGahee distributed a handout showing the Praxis test dates for 2005-2006.

Dean Gunter announced that he is still deciding about when/where to have the retreat.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

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