



MINUTES OF THE MEETING

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The College of Education Executive Committee met on Thursday, July 28, 2005, at 8:30 a.m. in Room 255 in the Education Center with Dean Gunter presiding. Members present were: Drs. McGahee, Ducharme, Corbin, Lee, Thomerson, Martinez, Bauer, Hertzog, Siegrist, Hull, and Ms. Roberts.

Dean Gunter congratulated Dr. Hertzog on her retirement; tomorrow is her last day. Dr. Siegrist was presented with a plaque from the Executive Committee in appreciation for his eight years of service as head of the Department of Educational Leadership.

Dean Gunter announced that two MRR projects had been approved by the Board of Regents for the COE. They are: (1) Renovating Room 222 for use as the COE Advising Center; Ms. Roberts and Ms. Hudson will be relocated to this room, and (2) Moving the current location of the copy center and converting this area into a conference center.

Dean Gunter announced that he and Dr. Nanci Scheetz had attended the OSEP (Office of Special Education Programs) project directors' meeting this past Monday and Tuesday in Washington, DC. During the meeting, Dean Gunter discussed with several participants the idea that far more teachers were prepared by institutions the size of VSU than were prepared by Research I institutions. This being the case, it might be a good arrangement for institutions the size of VSU to partner with a Research I institution to use evidence-based practices and evaluate their outcome on P-12 learning.

Georgia's new tests for educators will be called GACE (Georgia Assessment for the Certification of Educators). These tests will replace Praxis I and Praxis II; this change is planned for Fall, 2006. Georgia has contracted with NES (National Evaluation Systems) to develop the tests. The PSC is seeking nominations of faculty from teacher training programs in Georgia to work with NES in developing the tests. Dean Gunter requested that department heads encourage as many faculty as possible to participate in this activity.

Dean Gunter distributed an e-mail from Ms. Yates requesting that the COE goals for 2005-06 be entered into the Strategic Planning database by noon on August 5. During the meeting, the following seven goals were identified:

COE Strategic Goals and Action Plans

Strategic Goal	Action Plan
Improve Graduation Rates	Advising center, departmental advising, the "Hammer" project, recruit high quality students, GHP program
Enhance Quality Academic Programs	Facilities, technology, number and quality of faculty, accreditation, external funding
Positively Impacting Learning Through Evidence-Based Practices	LiveText, assessment, scholarship, partner schools, collaboration, induction
Recruitment, Retention, and Development of High-Quality Personnel	Facilities, technology support, professional development, communication, diversity
Diversity (Improvement and Enhancement)	International programs
Service	Area, university, state, nation, world, profession
Systematic Planning	

Dean Gunter asked Dr. McGahee to send these to department heads as an e-mail attachment. He also asked department heads to review these goals and provide feedback to him.

Dean Gunter announced that the COE fall faculty meeting would be held on Tuesday, August 9, from 10:00 until 11:30 a.m. From 10:00 until 11:00 a.m., Dean

Gunter will make a short PowerPoint presentation showing the COE's accomplishments during the past year and the COE's goals for next year. The presentation will also include the COE's new guiding principles and standards. From 11:00 until 11:30 a.m., Drs. Lee, Reffel, Judd, and others will provide overviews of the new LiveText system in computer labs in the Education Center. Lunch will be provided (Miller's Barbecue) at 11:30 a.m.

Dean Gunter asked department heads to please review and update their departmental websites; Mark Swift will be happy to assist with this project.

Dean Gunter announced that the BOR is looking at the possibility of granting college credit based on a "prior learning assessment." The BOR will provide several workshops during fall semester to train faculty to assess students' prior learning experiences.

Dr. Lee asked department heads to make sure that their "2999" classes for fall semester had enough seats. She also asked department heads to send her copies of their "2999" class rolls for summer semester.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be August 11.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Donnie J. McGahee