



## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The College of Education Executive Committee met on Thursday, February 15, 2007, at 8:30 a.m. in the COE Conference Room (Room 235) in the Education Center with Dean Gunter presiding. Members present were: Drs. McGahee, Corbin, Griffin, Reffel, Martinez, Hilgert, Martin (for Stanley), Siegrist (for Leech), Hull, Bauer, Mr. Pearce, and Ms. Roberts. Guest: Dr. Judd. Dean Gunter noted that the accreditation reports for both Georgia Southern University and Georgia State University were now available on the PSC website.

Dean Gunter briefly discussed several issues which had been covered at the deans' council meeting held yesterday:

[Withdrawals after mid-term](#) - This policy has been revised to include the following: The Dean of Students Office will only accept petitions for medical withdrawals after mid-term up until one week before the end of classes for the semester. Discussion was held about an article entitled, "[What's 'Your' Opinion](#)" (CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION, February 13, 2007). The article dealt with how too often "opinion" has replaced fact, a reasoned argument, or an empirically verified observation. [On-Line Development Grants](#) - The BOR is sponsoring \$2000 stipends to faculty for developing on-line courses. Applications for these grants are due March 9. Plans are continuing to move forward for the proposed Health Sciences/Business Administration Center. A completion timeline has not yet been established. The BOR is in the process for revising the endowment amounts associated with special faculty positions. Under the proposal, an endowed Chair would be \$500,000; an endowed Distinguished Chair would be \$1,000,000. Beverly Blake and Christine James gave a presentation on PLA (prior learning assessment). The new University Council is now operational. This Council was approved by faculty vote. Dr. Zaccari will make an announcement in the near future about the faculty and staff salary study. As a result of this study, any salary adjustments will be retroactive to January, 2007. The BOR has approved \$120 million worth of improvements for VSU, to include: renovation of Hopper Hall, new student union, parking deck behind the recreation center, parking deck in the Oak Street parking lot, renovation of Georgia Hall, Reade Hall, and the Health Center. Kathy Cox, Superintendent of Schools, will be on campus on February 21.

Digital Measures, a company specializing in assessment software, will be on campus next Tuesday to demonstrate its product. This assessment system is not for student use; it is designed more for administrative use. Dean Gunter will ask Dr. Lee to attend the demonstration to see how/if it will interface with LiveText. Dr. Krotseng will send out more information about the demonstration.

Dean Gunter announced that the BOR is developing a distance education initiative to look at delivery of initial teacher certification programs in an on-line format. The schools which will be a part of this initiative are North Georgia, Georgia State, and VSU.

A distance education symposium will be held on March 29-30. Several institutions will be involved. The symposium will be held in Atlanta. Each university may send up to five people.

Dr. Bauer announced that five of his faculty attended the training sessions for the new Area F courses held at Macon State. The Department of Psychology and Counseling will be responsible for teaching the EDUC 2130 course (Teaching and Learning). Dr. Bauer hopes to have the final course syllabus ready to share at the next Executive Committee meeting. EDUC 2130 will be offered Fall Semester, 2007.

Dr. Hull announced that the new SPEC 3000 course (to replace SPEC 2000) will be offered Fall Semester, 2007. As the SPEC 3000 course has admission to teacher education as a prerequisite, she will offer SPEC 3100 (same course, with a different number) for those students who have not been admitted to teacher education.

Dr. Martin announced that the new EDUC 2110 (Critical Issues) course would be offered Fall Semester, 2007. This course will replace MSED 2000.

Discussion was held about the third new course, EDUC 2120 (Culture and Diversity). This course is not really assigned to any one department. For fall semester, the Departments of Early Childhood and Reading Education and Special Education and Communication Disorders agreed to each offer three sections of the course.

A great deal of discussion followed about issues emanating from these three new courses, such as: since all three courses have field requirements, will criminal background checks be required, or will liability insurance be required; who will handle the placements in field experiences; what types of field experiences will be acceptable; how will field experiences be monitored, etc. Dean Gunter will refer this issue to the COE Field Experiences Committee and ask that it consider these issues and make a recommendation to the Executive Committee. The following people will meet with the Field Experiences Committee to provide input about these issues: a representative from Psychology and Counseling, a representative from Special Education and Communication Disorders, Dr. Reffel, Dr. Stanley, Dr. Sanderson, and Ms. Roberts. Dean Gunter will develop a list of advising issues relating to the three new courses to send out to COE faculty.

A general discussion followed about ways to advertise or market COE programs.

Dean Gunter announced that the next meeting of the Executive Committee would be March 8.

Mr. Pearce announced that the Valdosta Art Association was sponsoring "Valdosta Collects" on March 3 in order to raise money for scholarships for art majors.

Ms. Roberts distributed an advertisement for peer advisors for the COE Advising Center.

Dr. Martinez reminded everyone that the Gulf South Adult and Career Education Conference would be March 2.

Dean Gunter asked department heads to send him a final list of faculty who wished to attend the GACE website meeting at Macon State next week; he must send Dr. Toth a final list by tomorrow.

Dr. Reffel reminded everyone that graduate faculty applications were due by February 23.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donnie J. McGahee