



MINUTES OF THE MEETING

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The College of Education Executive Committee met on Thursday, February 8, 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, Martinez, Bauer, Corbin, Griffin, Hull, Galeano, Gerber, Lee, Hilgert, Reffel, Stanley, Leech, and Mr. Pearce.

Dean Gunter provided feedback from the Academic Committee meeting which was held this past Monday. All Area F changes and all curricular changes were approved. The change to re-position ACED 2400 in Area D of the core curriculum was not approved. Dean Gunter is going to meet with the ACED departmental faculty today to discuss other possible options for this course.

Dr. McGahee distributed a list of student teachers for Fall Semester, 2007, who have potential problems which could prevent them from being allowed to student teach. He noted that there were 235 student teaching applicants for fall. Dr. McGahee and Jania will check the student teachers' transcripts again at the end of summer semester to ensure that these potential problems have been resolved.

Dr. Lee asked department heads to encourage faculty in their departments to update their vitae and course syllabi in LiveText. Dr. Stanley explained that Dr. Brasell had created a "library" for various items, such as course syllabi and assessments, which are maintained in the MSED program account in LiveText. This "library" is very helpful for departmental faculty who want to access these items. At the program coordinators' meeting scheduled for tomorrow, Dr. Lee will demonstrate this "library" concept.

Dr. Lee noted that all of the signed agreements from our partner schools had not been received. Discussion followed about the need to re-visit our list of partner schools. Some schools which were not included on the list of partner schools are disappointed about having fewer student teachers. It was suggested that this issue be remanded to the COE Field Experiences Committee for a recommendation. Dean Gunter will contact the committee chair and ask that the committee consider this issue at its next meeting and make a recommendation to Executive Committee for consideration.

Dr. Leech reported that the construction in the Education Center was progressing. He stated that the construction crew is making every effort not to interrupt the regular activities in the Education Center. The projected completion date for the project is around July 1.

Dean Gunter reminded department heads that Visitation Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 10, in the PE Complex. He also announced that the next meeting of the Executive Committee would be February 15.

Dr. Reffel made several announcements:

- The Scholastic Book Fair would be held on February 19-23.
- Project Learning Tree would be held on February 24 in the Education Center from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- The International Folk Festival Middle School field trip would be held on March 2 and 3; volunteers are still needed for March 2.
- The Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl will be held on Saturday, March 4; volunteers are still needed for this event.

Mr. Pearce announced that the Art Gallery would have an exhibit of folk art beginning on Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Martinez announced that the Gulf South Adult and Career Education Conference would be held on March 2.

Dr. Griffin reported that approximately 900 people had attended the 20th Share the Wealth Conference.

Dr. Leech announced that his departmental faculty is revamping the RSCH 7100 and RSCH 8000 courses to make them more responsive to COE needs. Either Dr. Leech or one of the faculty members who teach these courses would like to meet with each department head to discuss how the courses might be changed.

Dean Gunter announced that the NCATE rejoinder would be sent to the NCATE office after today's meeting.

Dean Gunter announced that Sheree Hudson is in the hospital but is expected to be released today.

Dean Gunter announced that department heads should see him after today's meeting to pick up their departmental budgets.

Dean Gunter announced that he has some available extra funds. A brief discussion followed about possible ways to use these funds, perhaps putting SmartBoards in a few classrooms or other technology or equipment needs. Any department heads with specific needs should meet with Dean Gunter.

Dean Gunter announced that the BOR is funding a grant for developing on-line initial teacher preparation programs. A meeting about the grant is being held on Friday, February 23; Dean Gunter and Dr. Hull will try to attend.

Dean Gunter, Dr. Gerber, and Ms. Roberts have met with a representative from the Siemens Corporation. Siemens has awarded the COE \$10,000 of "seed" money to begin working with high school students who want to become math or science teachers. A possibility is that this effort could lead toward a charter school or a magnet school in math and science; such a school could serve as a training site for our students. Dr. Gerber noted that a meeting has been scheduled with Mr. Sam Allen, Superintendent of Valdosta City Schools, next Tuesday about this issue.

Dr. Griffin raised the issue of all of the Faculty Development funding being used up before spring semester each year. Some discussion followed about ways in which this problem might be avoided.

Dean Gunter stated that there have been rumors that VSU has an approved doctoral program in Communication Disorders; we do not. The COMD faculty is, however, re-submitting its proposal for a doctoral program to the BOR.

Dean Gunter announced that plans are still moving forward for the re-organization of the COE.

Dean Gunter announced that a Symposium system has been installed in Room 81 in the Education Center. Dr. Carolyn Cox is developing a set of instructions for using the system.

Dean Gunter announced that PSC would sponsor a workshop on using the GACE Faculty Resources Website on February 21 at Macon State from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Anyone interested in attending should contact Dean Gunter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donnie J. McGahee