

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The College of Education Executive Committee met on Thursday, April 26, 2007, at 8:30 a.m. in the COE Conference Room (Room 235) in the Education Center with Drs. Lee and Gerber presiding. Members present were: Drs. McGahee, Griffin, Hull, Hilgert, Leech, Galeano, Corbin, Martinez, Stanley, Bauer, Reffel, and Mr. Pearce. Guests: Drs. Judd and Brovey, Allen DeVane, and Ike Barton.

Dr. Brovey, Allen DeVane, and Ike Barton reported on Information Technology support in the COE:

- Distribution of New PCs: Four additional faculty/staff computer setups were completed this month, bringing the total to 36. All remaining clients on the COE list have been notified by e-mail concerning computer upgrades.
- Smart Classroom Progress: Psychology Room 106 has been updated with the new smart classroom components-- electric screen still needs to be installed. SLP Room 155 is the next COE classroom to receive upgrade.
- Summer Lab Upgrades Planned: COE 244 and COE 124 computer classrooms will be scheduled this summer for computer upgrades. Mark Vernon and Sterlin Sanders will work closely with the ACED and CIT Departments to coordinate setup availability.
- Smartboard installs: COE 265--installed bluetooth airliner--COE 124 is waiting for the installation of a smartboard stand. COE 267--pending several modifications for Smartboard.
- IT Tracker Call Stats: Handled 58 on-site calls to completion for COE for the month of April 2007. Included was the setup of new items received this month--15 displays and 2 laptops.
- COE Datacenter Clean-Up: During the scheduled downtime on March 15, Systems Support Services staff reorganized server and network equipment to maximize server rack utilization. A great deal of older equipment was designated for surplus. Plans call for all five racks to be replaced within the next year.
- Portfolios: The Portfolios server experienced a problem with the FrontPage Server Extensions and has been moved to a Microsoft-supported Windows platform.

The other two FrontPage web servers (COE Students and COE Faculty) will need to be moved in the near future.

- AC Failure: The AC in the COE datacenter experienced a failure and was not operational for six days. Plant Operations repaired the AC, and everything is back online. IT is working with Liebert to provide parts and training classes for the Plant Operations HVAC support staff.

Dr. Lee reviewed the meeting held yesterday with Mr. Bob Budnick from LiveText and several university representatives. LiveText is being considered, along with several other systems, for adoption university wide as a data management system. Drs. Lee and Reffel will meet with Dr. Krotseng next week to further discuss the capabilities of LiveText.

Dr. Lee also discussed the importance of the COE continuing to increase the capabilities of LiveText as an assessment tool for the COE. Discussion followed about how to get all COE faculty to use LiveText appropriately. Suggestions included: (1) have a LiveText core group, composed of representatives from each department; this core group could serve as the lead group for expanding the LiveText use of COE faculty, and (2) include LiveText workshops as part of the fall COE faculty meeting. Whatever techniques are used, Dr. Lee emphasized the importance of LiveText being used in all programs.

Drs. Gerber and Reffel reported on a meeting of the Renaissance Group they had attended last week at Kennesaw State University. U.S. Senator Johnny Isaakson was one of the speakers. Senator Isaakson talked about No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and noted four specific areas which are being reviewed for possible change/modification: (1) Change/modify the assessment of students with special needs, (2) Allow schools 2-3 years to improve before being classified as a "needs improvement" school, (3) Raise the exemption period for ESL students from one year to three years, and (4) Change the expectation that all teachers can be highly qualified in all subject areas. Senator Isaakson also noted that the cost of higher education is really becoming a focus--it is on everyone's "radar screen."

Dr. Gerber distributed curricular changes from the Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education. These

proposed changes will be considered for approval at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Dr. Gerber noted that a retirement reception would be held today at 5:00 p.m. at the Bailey Science Center for Drs. S. Tullos, R. Bass, and J. Bass.

Dr. Hull announced that Drs. Tom and Marsha Reed had resigned their positions, effective at the end of this semester.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donnie J. McGahee