

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The College of Education Executive Committee met on Thursday, November 15, 2007, at 8:30 a.m. in the COE Conference Room (Room 235) in the Education Center with Dr. Lee presiding. Members present were: Drs. McGahee, Stanley, Gerber, Martinez, Hilgert, Bauer, Myers-Jennings, Leech, Langford (for Griffin), Mr. Pearce, and Ms. Roberts. Guests: Drs. Merwin, Blake-Richardson, and Brasell.

Drs. Merwin and Blake-Richardson presented a [PowerPoint presentation](#) about PLA (Prior Learning Assessment). VSU is participating in the pilot BOR program for PLA. Dr. Merwin noted that currently VSU uses six ways to award credit for PLA: CLEP (College-Level Examination Program), AP (Advanced Placement), DANTES (Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Educational Support), ACE (American Council for Education) credits, departmental examinations, and prior learning documentation. PLA may be used for both undergraduate and graduate programs. Dr. Merwin noted that PLA was a part of VSU's Strategic Planning Goals. Individual departments will be allowed to decide if and how they want to use PLA. Dr. Merwin announced that he would be glad to make presentations for individual departments about PLA.

Dr. Gerber reported on the Early College initiative. Dr. Gerber and Dean Gunter attended the Valdosta City School's board meeting this past Monday night. Some of the board members had visited the Early College program being conducted at Georgia College and State University and reported very positively on it. The only concern they expressed was about the timeline for implementing the VSU program. Dr. Gerber reported that Superintendent Sam Allen was very supportive of the program. Dr. Gerber requested that the program be placed on the board's next meeting agenda as an action item. Plans call for the program to begin Fall, 2008.

Dean Gunter and Dr. Gerber met on Monday with Vic Douglas, the university architect, and toured the roof of the Education Center. The Education Center is scheduled for a new roof, and tentative plans call for this to be a "green" roof. A "green" roof would mean that low-maintenance plants would be used on approximately one-third to one-half of the roof area. A "green" roof is a little more expensive than a traditional roof (\$25-\$27 per square foot versus \$18). The goal is to have the roof completed within the next two years.

Ms. Roberts reported that students had completed [525 advisor evaluations](#). The on-line advisor evaluation will be available on-line until tomorrow afternoon.

Dr. Lee asked department heads to send her any graduate and employee success stories about our students. She would especially like stories involving educational leadership and counseling students.

Dr. Lee announced that Dean Gunter had sent Dr. Levy a list of all COE program changes (new sites, on-line, etc.) which would need SACS notification. Dr. Lee noted that the COE had seven sites approved to offer courses/programs in 2000 and that the number had increased since then.

Dr. Lee raised for discussion an e-mail which had been sent by Chancellor Davis and forwarded by Jan Kettlewell to the system education deans. The e-mail dealt with a Georgia Partnership meeting which Chancellor Davis had attended where the issue of teacher education had been discussed. The main point Chancellor Davis made in his e-mail was that colleges of education had to be more responsive to the public. Dr. Kettlewell had noted in her e-mail that a number of changes had been made in teacher education in the state, but the public was just not aware of the changes. Discussion followed about ways to disseminate information about teacher education. Some suggestions included: having a COE "information officer" to publicize the COE, making better use of the VSU University Advancement office, and meeting with area legislators on a regular basis to make them aware of teacher education issues.

Drs. Bauer and Hilgert reported on the recent ICAPP (Intellectual Capital Partnership Program) meeting which they had attended in Swainsboro. ICAPP is a partnership between government, education, and the private sector. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss ways to increase the number of health care professionals (specifically, social workers, clinical psychologists, pharmacists, and dentists) in Georgia.

Dr. Lee announced that the next Executive Committee meeting would be November 29 and that a COE Assessment Committee meeting would be held on November 26 at 4:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donnie J. McGahee