

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The College of Education Executive Committee met on Thursday, January 24, 2008, at 8:30 a.m. in Room 235 in the Education Center with Dean Gunter presiding. Members present were: Drs. McGahee, Langford (for Griffin), Lee, Stanley, Minor, Gerber, Reffel, Hilgert, Martinez, Gladwin, Leech, Bauer, Myers-Jennings, and Mr. Pearce.

Dean Gunter distributed a handout about the [2008 Advanced Placement AP Summer Institute](#). Two courses for teacher certification will be offered during the Institute: English Literature and Composition and U.S. History. Anyone interested in the Institute should contact Dr. David Monetti.

Dr. Gerber announced that he would visit Belize the first week in February to discuss a student teacher exchange program. It appears that housing for our student teachers in Belize would be the biggest problem. Dr. Gerber will also discuss the possibility of offering doctoral coursework at the University of Belize as well as professional development activities for teachers throughout the country. Dr. Gerber and Dean Gunter have discussed this visit with Dr. Ivan Nikolov of the VSU International Programs Office.

Dr. Reffel distributed an [informational handout and a registration form](#) for the Relay for Life event which is scheduled on the VSU campus from April 11 at 7:00 p.m. until April 12 at 7:00 a.m.

Dr. Reffel distributed a [handout about the Azalea International Folk Fair](#) and Dance Competition. COE students usually serve as cultural ambassadors for this event. Dr. Reffel also distributed a sign-up sheet to be given to any student who wishes to serve as an ambassador for the Folk Fair. The Fair began about nine years ago and has now become a three-day festival. The Fair will be held at the Valdosta-Lowndes Conference Center.

Dr. Reffel distributed the course/instructor evaluations for Fall Semester, 2007, to department heads. These evaluations were completed in LiveText.

Dr. McGahee distributed the [Annual Institution Summary Report for the 2006-07](#) completers which he had just received from NES (National Evaluation Systems). Across all programs, the COE had a 95 percent pass rate on Praxis II/GACE Content Assessments. Dr. McGahee will check the report for accuracy.

Dr. Lee reminded department heads that they could begin totally on-line programs only if they had Board of Regents' approval. If 50 percent or more of the

program coursework is taught on-line, then the program is considered to be on-line. Additionally, if 25-49 percent of a program is offered on-line, then SACS must be notified. If 50 percent or more of a program is offered on-line, then SACS must be notified and BOR approval must be obtained. Dr. Lee asked department heads to see her if they had questions.

Dr. Lee reminded department heads to please review the BOR Teacher Report which she had sent to them and to provide her with some feedback.

Curricular Changes

- Dr. Bauer moved approval of a [proposal from the Department of Art](#) to deactivate the Master of Art Education (M.A.E.) degree program and instead to include Art Education as a track in the Secondary Education and Middle Grades Education M.Ed. programs; Dr. Stanley seconded the motion. Mr. Pearce explained that enrollment in the program had not been adequate to justify the required course offerings. Instead, Mr. Pearce asked that an Art Education track be included in the Secondary Education and Middle Grades Education M.Ed. programs. In both programs, Art courses would compose 18 hours of the coursework. The proposal also included a change in the title and course description for ARED 7450 and a change in the course description for ARED 7500. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Dr. Bauer moved approval of a [proposal from the Department of Middle, Secondary, Reading, and Deaf Education](#) for changes in course prefixes and in the B.S.Ed. and M.Ed. programs in Deaf and Hard of Hearing and in the B.S.Ed. program in American Sign Language/Interpreting; Dr. Martinez seconded the motion. Dr. Stanley explained the changes. The changes in the B.S.Ed. programs included: changing the SPEC prefixes for 3110, 3120, 3130, and 4050 to the DEAF prefix; changing the SPEC prefixes for 2110, 2120, 3140, 3170, and 3180 to the ASLS prefix; replacing the three-hour elective in Area F in the Deaf Education program and require either ISCI 2001 or ISCI 2002; dropping ECED 3000 and SEEC 3300 as program requirements in the Deaf Education program and replacing them with MGED 3991 and SEED 4010 as program requirements. In the M.Ed. program, the changes included: changing the SPEC prefixes for 5310, 5370, 5290, and 5450 to the DEAF prefix. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Dr. Bauer moved approval of a [proposal from the Department of Middle, Secondary, Reading, and Deaf Education](#) to change the names of the Ed.S. degrees in Early Childhood, Middle Grades, and Secondary Education to an Ed.S. in Teaching and Learning. Also, the proposal included changes in the course description for MSED 7650 and for MSED 7800. Dr. Leech seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Dr. Bauer moved approval of a [proposal from the Department of Middle, Secondary, Reading, and Deaf Education](#) to replace READ 7160 with READ 7010 as a required course for the Reading Endorsement; Dr. Martinez seconded the

- motion. The proposal also included a change in the credit hours and course description for MGMS 7650 and a change in the required two content areas of 9 hours each in the M.Ed. with a major in Middle Grades Education to just one content area of 18 hours; this change would allow students more flexibility in selecting their content courses. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Dr. Bauer moved approval of a [proposal from the Department of Middle, Secondary, Reading, and Deaf Education](#) to delete MSED 7007 (1 hour) and change MSED 7005 from a two-hour to a three-hour course in the M.Ed. in Middle Grades or Secondary Education program; Dr. Leech seconded the motion. Dr. McGahee noted that this change would delete the technology requirement from the program, which is a state certification requirement. Dr. McGahee offered an amendment to the motion that a statement be added in the catalog noting that a pre-requisite for entry to the program was that the student must meet the technology requirement. The motion was unanimously approved as amended.
 - Dr. Stanley moved approval of [admission guidelines for the M.Ed. degree](#) program in School Counseling and also a Formal Remediation Process requested by CACREP (The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs); Dr. Leech seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
 - Dr. Bauer moved approval of a [proposal from the Department of Adult and Career Education](#) to change the name of the B.S. in Administrative Services to Office Administration and Technology; Dr. Leech seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Announcements

- Next meeting is January 31 (technology update and data entry).
- Visitation Day is February 2.
- Dr. Gerber is closer to reaching an agreement with Harry Wong for an on-campus workshop.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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