

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The College of Education Executive Committee met on Thursday, April 9, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. in Room 235 of the Education Center with Dean Gunter presiding. Members present were: Lee, Gerber, Roberts, Reffel, Martinez, Leech, Myers-Jennings, Minor, Griffin, Stanley, Bauer, Pearce, Corbin and Hilgert.

**Thank you to Dr. Hilgert**

Dean Gunter expressed his thanks for Dr. Hilgert for taking the place of Dr. Hull as the faculty representative for the Executive Committee.

**Approval of Minutes of March 26, 2009 – Reffel**

A motion to approve the minutes of March 26 was made by Pearce, seconded by Minor. With no discussion, changes or amendments, the minutes were approved.

**Debrief on Harry Wong --- Gerber**

Dr. Gerber shared that there were 350 in attendance at the Convention Center on Monday night and 800 on Tuesday morning for the Harry Wong presentations. Dr. Wong reinforced classroom management and was an engaging and dynamic speaker. Members of the executive committee shared positive feedback. Dean Gunter expressed his appreciation for Dr. Gerber, the field experience committee and Dr. Gerber's class for organizing the presentation.

**Debrief on Honors Night --- Gunter et al.**

Dean Gunter was pleased with the attendance at the Dewar College of Education Honors night. Appreciation was expressed to the honors' committee for their work under the leadership of Dr. Bob Hull.

**Gunter Evaluation Feedback --- Gunter**

Dean Gunter shared his evaluation feedback (44 member of the faculty responded, which represented an increase from last year's response). Dean Gunter plans to involve the Executive Committee in ensuring faculty become more involved in the governance of the college.

**Report from Deans' Council of April 8 --- Gunter**

Dean Gunter reported on the Deans' council meeting from yesterday. Dr. Levy reported on the last meeting of the general assembly. The Health Science building was removed from the list. Reassigned time was discussed for faculty members serving on the planning and budget committee, which meets weekly. Dr. Gray shared a proposal for [“Rationale for Securing Consulting Services for Negotiation of VSU's Facilities & Administration\) Indirect Cost Rate”](#). Dr. Gray also discussed a proposed name change to Department of Sponsored Programs and Research Compliance. Interim Dean Hull presented a handout and agenda for the [Graduate Student Research Symposium](#) on May 1, 2009. Dean Gunter will be sending a list of courses that will be charged e-tuition. Currently, student questions for e-rates should be forwarded to financial services. In May, fall e-rates will be posted for courses that are 95% or more on-line. Dr. Gravett shared a [draft schedule of the Opening of the University](#). No faculty excellence

awards were submitted by the College of Education. Dean Gunter will ask Iris Ellis to chair the COE Honors Committee and represent the COE on the University Faculty Excellence awards committee.

### **Session with the Appropriations Committee --- Gerber**

Dr. Gerber was asked by President Schloss to participate in a panel moderated by Amy Carter, on Friday, April 17 from 12:30-1:30 in the UC Theater to talk about programs at the University and the importance of those programs. Other panel members in addition to Dr. Gerber are: Dr. Patrick Schloss, Dr. Steve Smith, Dr. Bill Cason, Dr. F.D. Toth, James McGahee, Brad Lofton and two others. The house appropriations committee will listen to the panel. Dr. Gerber will address Early College and funding for Math and Science. The questions Dr. Gerber will address are:

“Could you explain the idea behind starting the Valdosta Early College Academy?”

“Secondly, understanding the Early College funding has been eliminated, what are the consequences to your program?”

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“How important is it to maintain a high commitment to our educational technology infrastructure.”

### **Georgia Power New Teacher Assistance Grants --- Gunter**

Dean Gunter shared [e-mail and the Georgia Power New Teacher Assistance Grant](#). The COE Honors committee will narrow down the submissions to five nominations. The Honors' Committee will send a due date soon.

### **COBEC --- Gerber**

Dr. Gerber and Dean Gunter attended the Consortium for Belize Educational Cooperation (COBEC) Conference in Belize with hopes of establishing a continuing partnership in Belize for the purpose of establishing student teaching placements and professional development for teachers. There will be opportunities for faculty to go to Belize in July and early August to teach basic education courses. Belize hopes to have 850 teachers with certification in 4 years. Belize institutions of higher education cannot deliver the courses needed, nor could the COBEC institutions. So, Valdosta State University has agreed to deliver courses leading to certification to meet their needs. Dean Gunter talked with student teachers currently in Belize. The student teachers were very positive about their experience.

### **Continuing saga of Leadership Doctorate in Macon --- Gunter/Leech**

Drs. Leech, Hull and Wiley were leaving to go to Macon to attend a meeting on the development of an Ed.L program.

### **Saturday May 2 classes --- Gunter**

Dean Gunter verified that of the 62 classes that are offered on Mondays, only 4 are being held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Others Monday make-ups have already been scheduled.

**MOU's for school system placements --- Lee**

Associate Dean Lee shared that five schools have asked for MOUs. They are considering developing a generic MOU for all school districts.

**Professional Education Courses --- Roberts**

Ms. Roberts distributed a [list of Professional Education Courses](#) for which Admission to Teacher Education is required. Questions about the Regents' holds can be sent to Ms. Roberts.

**Lunch with New Peer Advisors, May 1 --- Roberts**

Ms. Roberts shared Training for new peer advisors will be held on May 1. The Executive Committee is invited to lunch to meet the peer advisors. Executive Committee members are asked to respond to the lunch the [handout](#).

**Last Day of Semester Dead Day ---- Gunter**

Dean Gunter announced that there would be hamburgers and hot dogs for faculty, staff and students on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**PageONE --- Reffel**

J. Reffel shared about the institutions advertising in PageOne with programs for teachers. Dean Gunter will be asking about if BOR wants to put in an ad for GOML programs.

**Bob Hull – Myers-Jennings**

Dr. Myers-Jennings shared that memorial services for Bob Hull will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 10-11. Students are encouraged to attend a special reception on Saturday rather than attending

**Commencement -- Pearce**

Mr. Pearce shared that there will be some changes to the Commencement ceremony and staging for the spring commencement. Department heads should probably go ahead and get a faculty count.

**Announcements**

Next COE Executive Committee Meeting ---- Thursday April 16, 2009 at 8:30 AM

Graduation --- Saturday May 9

Next data meeting - Friday, May 8th all day (I'll buy lunch at Palms for any program coordinator still working then) - to finalize all 08-09 data

Georgia Psychological Society Annual Meeting, Saturday, April 11, Macon State College, sponsored by Psychology and Counseling Faculty and Students.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Julia M. Reffel