

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The College of Education Executive Committee met on Thursday, February 12, 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, Myers-Jennings, Minor, Griffin, Stanley, Bauer, Pearce, Corbin, and Hull. Guests included Andy Brovy, James Ernest and Blaine Brown

Minutes of January 29, 2009 Meeting --- Reffel

A motion by Reffel was made to approve the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting on January 29. There was no discussion, the motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Report of the Dewar COE Technology Committee – Blaine Brown, Chair

The Technology Committee is revising the MOU with IT to refine the process of coverage during Saturday classes. The language of “replacing” will be replaced with “refreshing” CPUs on a regular schedule for faculty, labs and teaching stations. The Technology committee is getting P-12 staff to meet with the committee to discuss what hardware and software will be used in the schools. The committee will work on the MOU to send to Dr. Gunter for Executive Committee approval. Dr. Bauer reported that the swipe card for the printer in the PSYC area is not working. Dr. Minor asked about the site license for the Smart Board, faculty members will need the software on their workstations in their offices.

Report from the Dean’s Council – Reffel

J. Reffel attended the Dean’s Council meeting for Dean Gunter on February 4th. The budget was addressed with regards to Super Sections. The Budget Advisory Committee will be reconstituted. Budget committees at the Departmental and College level are to be established in order to support our shared governance. Provost Levy reported that all Deans and Department Heads are to teach next year to support the budget. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to a demonstration of Degree Works, a system that will capture students’ programs of study and advising notes.

COE Honors Night – April 7, 2009 (5:30-7:30) – Hull

The Honors’ night will be this year on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 from 5:30-7:30.

Donnie McGahee Academic Award – February 26, 2009

The first Donnie McGahee Academic Award will be awarded at the VSU Women’s Basketball Game at 6:00 pm. On February 26, 2009 to Michelle Thompson for achieving a 3.89 GPA as a Finance Major. The award will state “The Donnie McGahee Academic Award represents the high academic standards and in fact all students he guided through his 30+ years in education. The award reflects the Lady Blazer and Dr. McGahee’s ideals of hard work, diligence and practice.

Report from AACTE – Reffel / Minor

Drs. Reffel and Minor attended the AACTE Conference last week in Chicago. They attended the NCATE update and technology. A MSNBC clip was shown on “Saved by the Virtual Bell”

<http://video.msn.com/video.aspx?mkt=en-us&vid=4a409e44-5031-437e-82f5-998617839053&fg=rss&from=34>

Communicoach – Reffel / Minor

Drs. Reffel and Minor met with Ken Modaff, the Communicoach CEO at AACTE. A brief demonstration was conducted using CommuniCoach. Art Recesso, the VAT developer will be on campus for a pre-conference for the OnLine LifeLine conference this afternoon. Dean Gunter will be meeting with Dr. Recesso about how we are currently using VAT in comparison to CommuniCoach. Issues of uploading will continue to be an issue regardless of what system we use.

LiveText Update – Reffel

Dr. Reffel met with the College of Business about their possible use of LiveText. LiveText is looking for a SACS example and will support VSU using LiveText to assess assessment plans for VSU. Drs. Reffel and Lee will meet with Jane Kinney.

SOI Meeting – Gunter

Dean Gunter, J. Lee and J. Reffel will attend a meeting for those who are going to be piloting the electronic SOI. Department heads are asked to review their spring schedule to identify courses that will and will not be assessed using the SOI. A motion was made to add the first three questions on our current Course Evaluation so that there will be 13 questions for our pilot semester.

Course and Curriculum Change – Reffel

A motion to approve the MAT was made by Bauer, seconded by Minor. Discussion was held about the 2-3 hour Practicum and the 36-37 hours for the program. The program was tabled and asked to change the practicum to 2 hours to retain a 36-hour program.

A motion to approve the SEEC program was made by Stanley, seconded by Gerber. Dr. Minor introduced the program as a developmental program designed to prepare educators for elementary classrooms. Discussion was held with regards to how to meet all of the subject matter content areas. The existing PSC assessments will be used for this program. The proposed program would provide more opportunities for teaching content. The intent of the practicum is to be more outcomes based in meeting CEC standards. A request was made for empirical evidence for the entirety of the program change. The program proposal was tabled and remanded back to the department for further development.

A motion to approve the [name change](#) and [Area F](#) for the BS with a Major in Athletic Training, changing to a Bachelor of Science in Athletic training was made by Griffin and seconded. With no discussion, the proposal was approved.

A motion to approve a [new course](#), [EDUC 5999](#) was made by Reffel, seconded by Griffin. With no discussion, the proposal was approved.

A discussion about changes to the Graduate catalog was held, it was the decision of the Executive committee to review all of the departmental changes to the catalog at once, the COMD, ACED and MSRD change proposals were tabled until those from ECSE, KSPE and CLT have been finalized.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Julia M. Reffel