

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The College of Education Executive Committee met on Thursday, August 28, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. in the COE Conference Room (Room 235) in the Education Center with Dean Gunter presiding. Members present were: Bauer, Lee, Gerber, Griffin, Corbin, Myers-Jennings, Stanley, Reffel, Gladwin, Martinez, Leech, Minor, Hull, Roberts and Pearce. Guests included Ike Barton, Sterlin Sanders, and Rex Devane, Marshall Chambers Dr. Espinoza

**Report from Information Technology—Barton, Sanders, Devane**

IT staff presented a report from Information Technology

- 184 work orders were completed for the month of August.
- Installation of Smart Boards for VECA in 128 and 135 was completed.
- A new supervisor for Ashley Hall necessitated Sterlin being back and forth and he expressed appreciation for the patience during the transition
- Ike reported the networking – 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Education Center, – \$34,000 initiative was funded to replace the network gear A second initiative for \$115,000 was funded to
- Consideration for switching open labs to downstairs was discussed.
- The Tanberg in the Conference room is working.
- Sterlin and Eric will be meeting with Marshall Chambers from Barrow County this afternoon
- Ike reported a 40% increase in bandwidth was turned on yesterday.

**Report from Legislative Study Committee on Teacher Preparation-Gunter**

Dean Gunter reported on the Legislative Study Committee on Teacher Preparation meeting held yesterday.

- Colleges and universities were asked to report on what they have done to respond to the concerns about differentiation and teacher production. The University System of Georgia teacher production has increased by 58% and Valdosta State University has not matched that number. Dean Gunter reported that the meeting was positive. Dean Gunter reported on the misrepresentation of teacher production by the Professional Standards Commission regarding alternatively prepared teachers – PSC reported 25% of the teachers are alternatively prepared, yet 23% of those are prepared in university settings.
- The Chancellor presented information on USG institutions and the priority of teacher preparation in the USG. The role of the school leader was discussed as a priority.
- Deans from Georgia State University, Columbus State and Valdosta State University represented activities across the USG. Dean Gunter presented Georgia On My Line, Alternative Routes to Certification (ACT and COPE), collaboration with 2 year institutions.
- The shortage of math / science teachers was one of the topics of discussion.
- Cindy Cowart from VSU attended to represent her participation through COPE. Each university brought a student along to the meeting.

Dr. Stanley distributed an article in Newsweek ([An Unlikely Gambler](#)), which Dean Gunter said was discussed at the meeting. Discussion included pay for performance, better teacher testing, and higher teacher salaries. [An e-mail from Lynn Weisenbeck](#) was sent following the meeting.

Dr. Martinez reported on the Valdosta / Lowndes Construction Workforce meeting sponsored by the Valdosta / Lowndes Chamber of Commerce and the Association of General Contractors (AGC). Consideration of a degree in Construction Management was discussed as there is not one offered in South Georgia. Dr. Martinez reported the degree would be feasible in collaboration with technical colleges. Data will be needed in order to make decisions about such a program.

### **Report from Dean's Council -- Lee**

Dr. Lee reported on the Dean's Council meeting next week.

- John Crawford reported on the Capital Campaign process. There will be a feasibility study on the Capital Campaign. There will be a vetting process for projects to be considered by the Capital Campaign process. Mr. Crawford will be meeting with Department Heads to have input into the process.
- There will be no inauguration for President Schloss. A Regent will come to fall graduation to formally bestow Dr. Schloss' presidential responsibility.
- Undergraduate enrollment is flat (and may be down some). Graduate enrollment is up significantly (primarily to GOML). The formula funding is 3-5x that of undergraduate enrollment
- Stanley Jones, soon to be Interim Registrar, presented incomplete grades across the University. There is a concern about the number of incomplete grades. There will no longer be an "I" on the drop-down menu for grades in BANNER. A form will be initiated to report a grade of "I."
- E-rates were discussed. Currently, the only e-rates we have are for GOML, WebMBA and e-core. VSU does not have an e-rate for any other on-line courses. USG gives universities the option to set e-rates for programs or courses. E-rates only apply for courses that are 95% of the course that is on-line.
- There has already reduced the budget by 6% and may be cut as much as 10%. Non state-funded positions will be filled. Other positions will be funded if determined "mission-critical"
- President Schloss is willing to moderate a TV show on VSU TV. He would like the Deans to talk about topics. Dean Gunter would like departments to come up with topics for discussion on VSU TV over the weekend so that he can send them by Tuesday of next week. Dean Gunter suggested GOML offerings, Early College, educator production, services for the community (Speech clinic, Reading clinic)
- President Schloss is interested in increasing joint enrollment (High School / College) enrollment.
- "Super sections" (courses with 150 or more) of courses could result in faculty receiving more credit, graduate assistants and /or travel money to learn how to teach larger sections.
- Part time faculty need to complete the faculty credentials page and need to be on the VSU-SACS faculty list.

**Committee Assignments -- Reffel**

Dr. Reffel reported on committee assignments. Department heads are to once again review the committee assignments to be finalized at the next meeting of the executive committee. Department Heads are encouraged to look at the activities of the various committees to determine their membership and leadership.

**PAAR Progress -- Reffel**

Dr. Reffel reported on PAAR Progress. Departments and program should have all the data needed to complete their PAAR reports. The Dean's office staff will review the reports prior to the September data meeting.

**Electronic Review of On-Line Endorsement -- Reffel**

Dr. Reffel reported on the Electronic Review of the On-Line Endorsement. GAPSC will be reviewing the On-line endorsement September 14-18. Drs. Leech, Zahner, Reffel, Lee, and Gunter will meet with the chair and PSC consultant Thursday afternoon for the pre-visit.

**Student Teaching Workshop -- Lee**

Dr. Lee reported on the Student teaching workshop on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Mentors and student teachers will be receiving an e-mail regarding the mandatory workshop to be help with the Georgia Teacher of the Year and classroom management workshops on Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Curriculum Change Proposal -- Bauer**

Dr. Bauer reported on [the Curriculum Change Proposal](#) to change the prefix for four SPEC courses to PSYG courses for the Gifted In-Field endorsement. The prefix change was approved for the new franchise.

Dean Gunter has been receiving good information about faculty production in peer-reviewed journals. He recommended that department heads meet with faculty going through Personnel Actions. The Personnel Action Form (PAF) and a sample PAF can be found on the College of Education website.

**Barrow County Opportunities – Marshall Chambers**

Mr. Marshall Chambers from the Barrow County Public Schools presented on the partnership between VSU and Barrow County Schools. Barrow County employs the 2008 Georgia Superintendent of the Year. He distributed a brochure for the [Teaching Resident Program](#) at Barrow County. Student teachers may live and work in Barrow County and receive a stipend and job opportunities. Barrow County has moved from 30% turnover to 3% turnover. A new offer, if student teachers are chosen for the Teaching Resident Program, they will be offered positions in Barrow County.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting of the COE Executive Committee will be Thursday, September 9, 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Reffel