

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The College of Education Executive Committee met on Thursday, February 11, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. in Room 2050 of the Education Center with Interim Dean Lee presiding. Members present were: Gerber, Roberts, Reffel, Martinez, Leech, Myers-Jennings, Minor, Griffin, Stanley, Bauer, Gladwin, Corbin and Hilgert. Guests Sheryl Dasinger, Vesta Whisler and Charles Backes

Minutes from Meeting on January 28, 2010 --- Reffel

A motion to approve the minutes of January 28, 2010 was made by Stanley and seconded by Leech; with no discussion, changes or amendments, the minutes were approved.

Curriculum Change – Reffel and Martinez

Dr. Charles Backes presented curriculum change proposals for the BSED in Technical, Trade and Industrial Education. For the BSED new course for ACED 4430 was also proposed and SPEC 3100 will be replaced with SPEC 3000. A motion to approve the proposal was made by Leech and seconded by Minor. With no discussion, the motion passed.

Dr. Charles Backes also presented a curriculum change proposal for the MED in Technical, Trade and Industrial Education, ACED 7430 is a new course proposal. EDUC 5999 has been added to the program. Courses for initial certification are proposed to count for the MED degree. The Executive committee was asked to study the proposal for a vote at the next meeting.

Dr. Vesta Whisler presented the Online Bachelor Completion option for the Office Administration and Technology (OAT) program using a summary sheet of the proposed changes. The Executive committee was asked to study the proposal for a vote at the next meeting.

SACS Update – Lee and Everyone

Dr. Lee will be reviewing the submitted Institutional Effectiveness Reports on the SACS / UAC website. Her review is due by Friday, February 12, 2010.

Deans' Council Meeting – Lee

Interim Dean Lee reported that Jerry Merwin discussed adult learning and PLA. Currently, PLA is institutional credit and does not count towards graduation. It is proposed that PLA will count as academic credit as well as institutional credit, so it can count for a degree and students can use financial credit. Under the current core system, the credit could count as a Perspectives course. Dr. Lee also reported on the Chancellor's Principle 7 as discussed in the Deans' Council meeting. She will send it out to the Executive Committee and feedback is invited. Dr. Lee discussed Academic Integrity. Interim Dean Hull is leading the work on an Academic Integrity policy. Dr. Minor discussed that there are two forms for Grade Appeal forms available, which have different procedures. A motion was made by Minor, seconded by Griffin to request that the Graduate School Grade appeal form be removed from the website, with the university grade appeal form remaining. With no discussion, the motion passed. Dr. Lee continued discussing the library renovation. Final approval of the summer schedules is due as soon as possible.

Finally, there was a discussion about having an Honors' college, rather than an honors' program since the honors' program is housed in the College of Arts and Science.

Faculty Release Time and Scholarship – Lee

Dr. Lee confirmed that the applications for faculty release time and scholarship are due to her on February 19th. They are due to Department Heads on February 12th. Dr. Lee will prioritize them based on the focus items listed on the form. The reassigned time for scholarship is offered for specific focus items.

Proposed Bill Regarding Educator Salaries – Lee

Dr. Lee sent a link to [Senate Bill 386](#) to the members of the Executive Committee to read and review with faculty. The bill proposes that salary schedules will not provide raises for teachers with advanced degrees.

Other Items – Everyone

Dr. Martinez reported that the VPAA / Provost Search and Screening committee has narrowed the field to eight candidates for airport interviews. Three will be invited to campus in April. There were almost 80 applicants for the position with a wide variety of qualifications. The search / screening process is progressing as planned.

Dr. Gerber reported on his trip to Belize last week where met with the US Ambassador to Belize and discussed the work that VSU has conducted in the country. Dr. Gerber also met with the Minister of Education, Patrick Faber who will be visiting VSU in the spring and is hoping to continue the partnership at VSU.

Ms. Roberts reported that the Undergraduate Policies committee has revised the [Concern Form](#) process (Item E) to make it more consistent with the University policies. Also, the Policies Committee will be discussing Professional Education courses and updating the list of courses that require admission to teacher education.

Ms. Roberts reported on Freshmen Learning Communities and provided a handout on what the learning communities will look like.

Announcements

Sarita Brown and Others – April 1 and 2 – Roberts and Dasinger

Sarita Brown will discuss advancing teacher Latino populations. She will speak the evening of April 1 and during the day to student teachers on April 2. Other speakers for April 2 will be Gwen Deselle (Georgia Teacher of the Year) and Gary Walker (Professional Standards Commission). All sessions will be held in the Magnolia Room of the University Center.

Online Lifeline Conference – February 19, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m.

Pre-conference workshops February 17-18

Writing Workshops – Roberts

Ms. Roberts reported that Stephanie Akers is conducting writing workshops for students. Faculty are asked to encourage students to attend.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Julia M. Reffel