

**Dewar College of Education
Executive Committee Proceedings
February 18, 2010**

Members in Attendance

Julia Lee (presiding), Rey Martinez, Aaron Powell, Corine Myers-Jennings, Bob Bauer, Brian Gerber, Barbara Stanley, Mike Griffin, Jerry Siegrist (for Don Leech), Maggie Roberts, Lynn Minor, Blake Pearce, Lynn Corbin, and Larry Hilgert (faculty representative). Guests were Ike Barton, Blaine Browne, Sheryl Dasinger, Allen DeVane, Sterlin Sanders, and Vesta Whisler.

Approval of Minutes of 2/11/10 Meeting (held until next week)

Approval of the minutes for last week's meeting was held until Dr. Reffel returns. Previously approved COE Executive Committee minutes may be found at:

<http://www.valdosta.edu/coe/minutes>

Technology Reports - Sterlin Sanders, Allen Devane, Ike Barton, Blaine Browne

According to Sterlin Sanders, technology support responded to 163 calls last month, including necessary attention to the projector unit in COE 2156.

Allen Devane stated that a new computer for the teaching station was placed in Room 106 of the Psychology Classroom Building. Additional software adjustments are required before the teaching station is fully functional. Allen indicated that Brian Anderson will resolve software issues in the Psychology Classroom Building as well as in the observation rooms of the Speech Clinic (video is working; audio is not yet functional). Allen reported that plans to deploy smart software updates on a regularly scheduled basis will help eliminate instructional start-up delays due to update installations. Additionally, the upgrade for the Dean's Conference Room in the College of Education will be in process within the next few weeks.

Ike Barton reported that an estimate was obtained from an alternative company (NCI) for the wiring upgrade needed in certain areas of the first floor of the College of Education. The \$250,000 estimate was approximately half the cost estimated by AT&T and is in alignment with next year's budgetary constraints.

Blaine Browne reported that the use of clickers was discussed at the most recent Technology Committee meeting and that clicker training was provided during January. Dr. Raab will schedule another training session during August prior to the beginning of fall semester. The use of video streaming (e.g., CommuniCoach) will be reviewed. Dr. Browne also reported that maintenance issues for RICO printers were brought to the committee's attention by Terrie Adrian. According to Dr. Browne, the next Technology Committee meeting will be Monday, February 22, and all are invited.

According to Allen, upgrades are on the schedule for the Physical Education Complex. Dr. Myers-Jennings reported that while the new video player and amplifier in Room 104 of the Speech Language Pathology Building is functioning well, the teaching stations in Rooms 104,

152, and 203 of the same building are in need of upgrade. The wireless system in the building was not working properly this past weekend and may also require attention. Dr. Bauer noted difficulties with the most recent version of SPSS and reported that students and faculty alike have been having trouble opening data files with the statistical analysis software.

Institutional Effectiveness Reports/Plans

Reviews of Institutional Effectiveness Reports by Strategic Research and Development are now in place.

Curriculum Changes

After review and discussion, the Executive Committee unanimously passed the curriculum for the online Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Office Administration Technology outlined last week by Vesta Whisler. The amended curriculum change proposed for the Career and Technical Education option for the Master's in Education in Adult and Career Education (ACED) was also passed by unanimous vote of the Executive Committee.

[TTI Request for Curriculum Change](#)

[BS OATS Request for Catalog Copy](#)

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[ACED MED Request for Curriculum Change](#)

[ACED 2940 Request for New Course](#)

[ACED 3150 Request for New course](#)

[ACED 3401 Request for New course](#)

[ACED 3940 Request for New Course](#)

[ACED 3700 Request for Revised Course](#)

[ACED 3400 Request for Revised Course](#)

[ACED 4020 Request for New Course](#)

[ACED 4070 Request for Revised Course](#)

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[ACED_4160_Request_for_Revised_Course](#)

[ACED_4410_Request_for_Revised_Course](#)

[ACED_4430_Request_for_Revised_Course](#)

[ACED_7410_Request_for_revised_course](#)

[ACED_7430_Request_for_Revised_Course](#)

Reassigned Time

Dr. Lee asked that any requests for reassigned time be sent to her no later than Friday for full consideration prior to being forwarded to the interim vice president's office. Lynn Minor requested clarification regarding expectations associated with release time. Guidelines for this process suggest that a product ready to be submitted for publication at the close of the semester would typically meet expectations, with the additional expectation of acceptance for publication by the end of the year or resubmission to an alternative refereed source. Dr. Lee reminded everyone that in considering requests for release time, it is important that department heads consider their ability to adequately staff the courses from which the faculty members will be released.

Response to Proposal to Restructure Teacher Salaries

Concern was expressed regarding proposals to no longer provide salary increases for educators receiving advanced degrees. Recipients of *Race to the Top* funding (including Georgia's application) will be announced in April. If Georgia's application for federal *Race to the Top* funds (as presently proposed) is not funded, a second application may be submitted for subsequent funding in August. Discussion likewise included online courses and their success in offering training as supported by a meta-analysis study distributed by Barbara Stanley. Not specifically mentioned in the legislation are individuals with service certificates (such as school counselors, school psychologists, speech-language pathologists), or education leadership certificates.

Announcements

Maggie Roberts circulated the plaque for the Donnie McGahee Award to be given at the February 27 women's basketball game. Maggie encouraged everyone to attend and announced that the doubleheader game is usually well attended. Efforts to have Valdosta Early College Academy (VECA) students attend are currently in process, according to Brian Gerber. Also at this game, two former graduates from College of Education Programs will be honored with GOLD (Graduate of the Last Decade) awards. These individuals are Kenneth Grant and Philip Brown.

Dr. Lee reminded everyone that a required ethics course offered online to all Valdosta State University employees must be completed by March 31, 2010.

Jerry Siegrist reported that the Georgia Association of Education Leadership faculty will meet for the first time in the next few weeks. Originally planned for Athens, Georgia, the meeting may take place in a warmer, as yet undetermined, location.

The Book Fair (announced last week by Dr. Reffel) continues downstairs in the College of Education. Lynn Minor distributed order forms associated with the book fair.

The [Online Lifeline Conference](#) will be held February 19 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Regional Center for Continuing Education.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Hilgert