

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The College of Education Executive Committee met on Thursday, August 13, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. in Room 235 of the Education Center with Dean Gunter presiding. Members present were: Roberts, Reffel, Martinez, Leech, Myers-Jennings, Minor, Griffin, Bauer, Powell and Hilgert. Guests Phil Allen.

~Our condolences are expressed to Dr. Brian Gerber on the loss of his brother. He is traveling to Ohio to be with his family. ~

Introduction of Mr. Phil Allen

Dean Gunter welcomed Phil Allen back to VSU. Mr. Allen discussed his role at VSU in Research. It is anticipated that VSU is moving in the direction of becoming a Research institution. He will be her to create a larger pool of resources to fund faculty, graduate and undergraduate research. He will be the contact for VSU with local businesses, to connect “intellectual capital” with local industry. He will be working with various entities at VSU that support research. His office is in the University Advancement office, but may be moving to the Center for Continuing Education. His e-mail is pdallen@valdosta.edu

Introduction of Dr. Aaron Powell

Dean Gunter introduced Dr. Aaron Powell, Academic Director for Georgia OnMyLine programs. He will be assisting with course development, delivery and coordination. He will be attending the Executive Committee for the next few months. His is located in 2030. His e-mail is awpowell@valdosta.edu

The President’s Messages ---Gunter

Dean Gunter expressed his appreciation to the administration for their work to minimize the impact to the faculty and programs with a 25% budget cut. The president’s message to new faculty included an emphasis on scholarship to inform teaching. Dean Gunter distributed the [Furlough Policy from August 12, 2009](#)

Review of ECE Christa McAuliffe Award Document ---Gunter

Dean Gunter distributed the [final proposal for the 2009 Christa McAuliffe Award](#) that was submitted on July 31st. He commended the Department of Early Childhood and Reading Education for their work in positively impacting learning through evidence-based practices in Early Childhood Education.

Funded Strategic Focus 2010 Initiatives ---Gunter/ Martinez/ Leech

Dean Gunter reported that two strategic focus initiatives from the Dewar College of Education were funded by VSU. They include the development of an online Bachelor’s degree completion program in Office Administration and Technology in the Department of Adult and Career Education. The program will be launched in Fall of 2010. The Curriculum, Research and Leadership department will open a new track / degree in student affairs leadership. This was a

collaborative program between the Department and Student Affairs and will result in a Master's degree in leadership.

Teacher Quality Partnership grant --- Gunter/ Gerber

Dean Gunter reported that the Teacher Quality Partnership grant was submitted for \$1 million per year for five years, if funded. It is a yearlong residency program, similar to the ACT program with a mentor assigned. It met the residency priority.

New Classroom Facility --- Gunter/Bauer

A new classroom facility will be added to the Education Center to facilitate supersections of courses. It will be a \$1 million addition. Two faculty members are on the development committee (Kerry Hinkle and Scott Grubbs). It is anticipated to be available for use next fall of 2010.

Converse Hall --- Bauer

There is a proposal for the Department of Psychology and Counseling moving to Converse Hall, which will be a residence hall for one more year. The Department is working with plans for the facility.

Supersection classroom --- Gunter

Dean Gunter has been arranging our new classroom that will accommodate 150 students for our supersections. The technology is being refitted today and should be ready for class on Monday afternoon.

Update of COEFAC etc --- Roberts

Ms. Roberts asked that new faculty e-mail addresses be sent to her so they can be subscribed to COEFAC. She expressed her appreciation for faculty assistance this summer with orientations. The COE has 120 names of students coming to orientation, with anticipated 20-30 walk-ins.

Use of Electronic Communication for Field Experience Contacts --- Gunter

Dean Gunter reminded the committee that the first and final contact for student teachers and mentors will be conducted via electronic communication in order to save travel funding. If there are several student teachers at one school or if it is a new placement, supervisors may physically drive for the meeting.

Low enrollment courses --- Gunter

Dean Gunter will e-mail Department Heads for low enrollment courses for justifications.

Notes and Handouts from the USG Deans' Retreat ---Gunter

Dean Gunter distributed a [chart of where Georgia teachers receive their degrees](#) in Educational Leadership. He also distributed the narrative for [House Bill 455](#). He [distributed a concept paper](#) from the Georgia Professional Standards Commission for degrees in Curriculum and Instruction and [endorsements in math and science](#). He also distributed [changes on the GaPSC Approval Review Process](#). The [Educational Leadership review process](#) was distributed. There will be changes to the GaPSC Code of Ethics with an emphasis on Student Assessment, these proposed changes were [distributed](#).

College-wide Tenure/Promotion Committee Members -- Gunter

Dean Gunter needs names for a College-wide Tenure/ Promotion committee. Nominations need to be tenured full professors. He would like one member from each department to serve on the committee, along with Dean Gunter and Associate Dean Lee.

Auto Lease meeting with Honey ---Gunter

Dean Gunter will meet with Honey tomorrow afternoon about the possibility of leasing cars for off campus teaching and supervision.

Announcements

10:00 Orientation

Classes start Monday August 17, Please be available to assist students

Next Executive Committee Meeting –Thursday August 20, 2009 at 8:30

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia M. Reffel