



Faculty Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2009
12:50 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.
University Hall Room 353

Present: Mary Jane Anderson-Wiley, Richard Deaner, Tom Deering, Sekethia Ford, Peggy Ruth Geren, Paulette Harris, Albert Isaacs, Charles Jackson, Wayne Lord, Michael O'Connor, Alice Pollingue, Paulette Schenck, Philip Smith, Carolyn Stephens

Meeting was called to order at 12:50 p.m.

Dr. Lord addressed the faculty about the feedback he received from Counseling, Educational Leadership, Foundations/Research, and Special Education lunch meetings. The expectations the faculty has for him are exactly what he planned to do as chair of this department. The four main expectations were: (1) being a voice for the department and the individual programs, (2) promote quality, (3) participate in conversations so that he recognizes needs and is informed, and (4) communicate and be honest.

Dr. Lord announced that we will meet as a department to conduct business, to discuss concerns changes, and to engage in professional development. However, to ensure that faculty is informed, he will e-mail a weekly faculty newsletter.

Dr. Lord asked everyone to review the Dean's Strategic Goals for the College of Education and prepare ideas that will lead us in the direction of reaching those goals. He wants the department to be ready to suggest ways our department can address those goals.

Dr. Lord mentioned that there is a revision taking place with NCATE accreditation visits. Additional information on changes will be shared in September.

Grant Committee Members, Drs. Schenck and Agunloye, spoke to the faculty about the committee's purpose and role. The committee is in place to assist in looking for grants, supporting individuals as they pursue grants, and helping find sources of grants.

Foundations

Dr. Geren announced that Justin, in ITS, created a program that allows students to go online and then select their Field Experience placement. This will begin on September 1, 2009. She also said that the Foundations program is not requiring them to purchase LiveText this semester, but they will next semester (Spring 2010).

Counseling

Dr. Anderson-Wiley announced that there will be a program change in order to meet national standards. CACREP is now requiring that students in the Community Counseling program will need to complete 60 credit hours rather than 48. The Counseling faculty's goal is to have all advising sheets and courses in place by Fall 2010.

Educational Leadership

Dr. Hardy informed the faculty that the state passed a law that after June 30, 2010 individuals with leadership degrees will no longer get paid for that degree if they remain in the classroom. The Educational Leadership faculty will meet with PSC on September 17th & 18th for an informal review of the Educational Leadership program and to discuss a new degree program, which is the Master of Education in Teacher Leadership.

Special Education

Dr. Pollingue announced that the Special Education program will be having a day long retreat in September 11, 2009 in the Lyle Smith conference room. During the retreat they will discuss redesigning the MAT program. This change will ensure that the MED and MAT programs are different. Also, she informed the faculty that in the near future there will be a new course created, SPED 6002, this will be for the MAT students, and all undergraduates will continue to take SPED 4002. In addition, she announced that Dr. Lord is assisting her with placing SPED 4002 students.

Chair

Dr. Lord asked the faculty to send program changes or proposals for review and approval to the faculty at least once a week prior to our meeting. This will allow the faculty time to review and be ready for discussion prior to the next meeting. Dr. Lord asked everyone to let him know if they needed another copy of the College of Education Academic Planning Schedule for this academic year.

Announcements

Dr. Anderson-Wiley announced that the 5th Annual "Munching for Kids" fundraiser is going on now. It will be at Carrabba's Italian Grill on Washington Road on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 from 11:30a.m. to 2:00p.m. The proceeds will benefit Kids Restart, Inc., which is an

organization that helps children in the CSRA to grow up in safe and stable families. Please see Dr. Anderson-Wiley to purchase your ticket(s).

Dr. Geren announced that the Art Factory is having their annual Art All Year! raffle. Proceeds will benefit the award-winning Art @ School residency program. This program helps bring the arts to children in our schools. The drawing will be held September 15, 2009 on the Austin Rhodes show. Please see Drs. Geren or Harris to purchase your ticket(s).

Dr. Isaacs announced that he will be singing in the Augusta Choral Society Sept 19th at Sacred Heart at 7:30p.m. There will be a symphony orchestra, and everybody is welcome to come.

Dr. Lord announced that the Orientation Committee will meet after Labor Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.