December 2010 College of Education News

<u>Update regarding major College of Education initiatives 2010</u>

NCATE

- The NCATE annual report is being prepared and will be submitted by December 21st regarding the continuous improvement of the BHSU teacher preparation program.
- NCATE changed their definition of an online program to a program with 50% or greater online courses. This will change the classification of the MSCI program.
- The SD DOE decided to include three team members for the onsite NCATE visi in April. Mark Baron (USD), Andrew Stremmel (SDSU), and Steve Feichtner (SD DOE) will all be team members in addition to the four national NCATE examiners.
- The College of Education Accreditation Committee is busy reserving meeting rooms and considering the agenda for the team visit. There will be a COE showcase at the kick-off meeting on Sunday April 3rd. Details to follow spring semester.

Recruiting strong students

- Preview Days and community receptions were staffed in Pierre, Sioux Falls, Rapid City, and Sheridan by Recruitment Committee members Mary Jones and Diana Koch, and Nancy Hall.
- Onsite visits were made to high needs school districts in northwest and central SD in November by the BHSU Dakota ASSETS coordinator, Patty Dewey, and recruiter, Nancy Whitcher. We are seeking individuals for the Project SECOND online program who may be place bound and committed to serving as teachers in their local communities. The communities of Crow Creek, Dupree, Eagle Butte, Faith, Lower Brule, Lyman, McLaughln Newell, Takini, Tiospaye Topa, and Wall were visited.
- Nancy Hall is representing the college on the BHSU Enrollment Management Committee. The committee has been meeting weekly to consider changes to policies impacting enrollment, to examine restructuring enrollment management services to enhance communication and coordination, and to set FTE enrollment targets by location including on campus, Rapid City, and distance delivery.

Building faculty capacity

- Twenty individuals enrolled in the co-teaching (St. Cloud) workshop December 2nd and 3rd. The research results of this co-teaching model are compelling and participants will be meeting with constituents to consider this model for BHSU residency experiences.
- Three candidates have been invited to campus for the reading position opening. Thanks to David Calhoon, Pat Simpson, and Sharon Hemmingson for their committee work in screening the applicant pool. Campus visits and open forums for the candidates will be completed before December 17th. You are encouraged to attend open forums and provide feedback to the committee.

- An increase in interns for spring term and an increase in enrollment in pre-professional core classes has necessitated the hiring of several new adjunct faculty. Dr. Liz Fayer will be teaching two sections of Child Growth and Development and one section of Human Relations. Liz has published several books in curriculum and instruction and has doing extensive consulting in Northern Illinois in relation to the national core standards. Dr. Susan Di Aniello received her PhD from the University of Nevada in special education and recently relocated to Piedmont, SD. She will assist with the increase in special education students. Dr. Pete Wharton, former superintendent of Rapid City Area Schools and Connie White, former principal of an award-winning school district in Los Angeles, California, will be assisting us in supervising interns.

Future-focused curriculum

- Course descriptions have been drafted for a new MSCI Teacher Leader program at the request of the Board of Regents. A meeting was held December 6th in Pierre for collective discussion by BOR education deans, chairs, graduate coordinators, and SD DOE representatives. The drafts are available at this time for comment by university faculty and K-12 faculty. See Graduate Coordinator, Pat Simpson for further details.

Building smart partnerships

- Thank you to President Schallenkamp, Dave Haney, June Apaza, Len Austin, Karen Mortimer, Holly Downing, Charlie Lamb, Faye LaDuke Pelster, Sue McGrath, and the clinical faculty, interns and administration at the Belle Fourche elementary school for showcasing exemplary teacher preparation practices during a Bush Foundation site visit. The site visit resulted in a recommendation to the Bush Foundation that BHSU be included in the Bush initiative to reform national policy regarding teacher preparation.
- Twenty Vucurevich math/science/special education scholars were recognized in a reception in Rapid City. The students dressed professionally and represented BHSU exceptionally well to the Vucurevich Board. Thank you, faculty, for preparing our students so well ☺.
- The COE professional development school partners are being recognized for their work in helping us prepare competent, confident, and caring professionals. Recognition awards in November have been presented to faculty and administrators in Lead-Deadwood and at TIE. Recognition events are scheduled for other partnerships through February.
- The SD DOE Indian Education Office has invited BHSU to partner with them in submitting a federal grant to fund the tuition of high achieving Native American students seeking a career in education. Nancy Hall, Len Austin, Sharon Hemmingson, and Urla Marcus attended an initial meeting and Melanie Hurley plans to join the efforts. The grant application is due in early February.