College of Education News
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Faculty Meeting

Please note on your calendar that the next College of Education Faculty Meeting will be October 21st at 7:00 a.m. in the Library. Let me know if you have agenda items. Pat Simpson will be distributing the new Assessment System Handbook; Scott Ahola will display some of the new books and media which have arrived from 08-09 ordering; the establishment of a new department in the COE will be discussed. See preliminary details below.

Development of a new Department in the College

The Department of Education with 25 faculty is the largest unit on the campus. It became clear this summer with the addition of two new faculty and two new secondary certification program options, that a restructuring of our college might be necessary. After discussion with the primary faculty who might be impacted, a decision has been made to divide this unit into the **Department of Elementary Education/Special Education/Library Media** and the **Department of Secondary Education and Certification Programs.**

The purpose of the new unit will be to coordinate with all secondary education program coordinators in Arts and Sciences and Business and Technology; serve as the second advisor for all secondary education students; and enhance communication and curriculum planning for the faculty who teach the pre-professional and professional core classes. The new unit would include: Carriveau, Jones, Turner, Dewey, Claeys, Goebel, Koch, Gaspar, and Finkle. Len Austin has agreed to chair the new department for its first three years. A new organizational chart will be presented to the faculty at the October faculty meeting so we can think through the implications of the change and plan for a smooth transition. Len will begin working with the faculty in the new unit in January 2010.

Committee News

Accreditation Committee—Micheline Hickenbotham has scheduled the first Accreditation Committee meeting of the year for October 19th. The committee will be taking a look at the Continuous Progress timeline; getting an update regarding the status of the South Dakota Program Review process (reports are not back yet; we will keep you posted!); setting a date for the Program Coordinator Retreat; and discussing the two Target areas of emphasis based upon all the feedback we have received. The two areas will be Standard 2: Assessment and Standard 3: Field Experiences.

Assessment Committee—Pat Simpson has done an excellent job in writing an Assessment System Handbook. It will be brought to the Assessment Committee for review and then distributed to all faculty in the October Faculty meeting. The Handbook describes the professional education unit's assessment processes so that all unit members and other members of the professional education community have a convenient Q & A document as a resource.

Advisory Committee—The College of Education Advisory Committee will be holding its first meeting of the year October 16th. Annette Johnson will be joining the group as a new member with expertise in Physical Education. The committee will learn about the most recent unit assessment reports; hear about the development of the elementary PDS program; and have a chance to share what is happening in the field in relation to technology, diversity, and assessment of P-12 student learning.

Recruitment and Retention Committee—Mary Jones chairs this committee. The committee will be staffing the Preview Days for us. We will be hosting seven preview days: Friday, October 9; **Saturday, November 7; Friday, December 4; Friday, January 22; Friday, February 12; Friday, March 19; and Saturday, April 17.**

Technology Committee—The committee members have been busy assisting faculty in the start of the academic term. (Thank you, thank you, thank you!) They have also been assisting the Dean's Office in placing orders for critical equipment. A new portable SMART Board has been order for the annex at Black Hawk school to facilitate the use of technology in the PDS program; computers have been ordered for all the new faculty; monitors have been ordered for four faculty to replace 8 year old equipment; 11 new hard drives have been ordered for laptops to enhance capacity. **Please see the enclosed newsletter that has been developed by the Technology Committee to help us all keep up to date.**

Promotion and Tenure—The COE committee is getting ready to review packets from colleagues. The packets are due October 5th to the unit chairs.

Dakota ASSETS-The committee has actually met three times already. There was an August Benchmark Meeting to review progress toward attaining the project goals and the committee is beginning to develop work plans to meet those goals at subsequent meetings. 1) There is work yet to be done in providing a first-year mentoring program for graduates who have taken positions in high-need schools. 2) Some candidates who accepted scholarships had a difficult time finding positions in high-need schools to meet their requirement. We will be expanding our efforts to assist new graduates and connect them with qualifying schools and districts. 3) The group is beginning transition planning. The TQE grant funding will end in September 2011. The TTT grant funding will end in September 2012.

Field Experience Governance Committee—This relatively new committee is chaired by Rich Carriveau. The meeting was held in Rapid City to encourage participation by our community members J. Ward, Meade School District, and L. Peterson, a Rapid City teacher. Campus members who were able to attend included Calhoon, Hall, Goebel, Simpson, and Hurley. Among a host of topics, the committee heard partner updates regarding BHSU field experiences:

- Peterson reported that the clinical faculty are happy with the full-year placements for candidates (re: 1-year pilot).
- Simpson reported that a new Graduate Handbook for Field Experiences would be completed soon.
- Hurley reported that Black Hawk is hosting our PDS methods block this year due to General Beadle's need for classroom space related to NCLB concerns.

- Ward reported that Meade Schools are looking at beginning the elementary PDS in Fall 2010. Calhoon will work on getting 4-5 candidate placements for Spring 2010 at Brown HS. Hurley will work with elementary principals and staffs to set up clinical faculty members throughout the district by Fall 2010. This puts Meade Schools on a Fall-Spring rotation for elementary PDS along with Rapid City schools.

The complete minutes of the meeting can be found online under COE Faculty Resources.

Professional Progress Committee—The committee has met twice to consider appeals for readmission to the teacher education program. As you can imagine, these are very difficult decisions to make. Three appeals have been denied. Separate meetings have been held with the students to assist them in career planning.

Scholarship Committee-Thank you to Laura Turner, Rhonda Wolff, Len Austin, John Alsup, and Cindi Chandler for organizing and hosting a remarkable celebration for the College of Education scholarship recipients. Your attention to detail made this a wonderful event for the donors, the recipients and their families.

Graduate Council –The Graduate Council is a smaller group this year including one representative from each area of emphasis in the MSCI, the graduate endorsement programs, and the MSCI core. June Apaza and Kathleen Matthew are new members. Chair, Pat Simpson, is bringing forward a draft *Field Experience and Clinical Practice Handbook for Advanced Programs for Other School Professionals.* This is a major step forward for us in meeting accreditation standards and will strengthen our processes and procedures for providing high-quality field experiences at the graduate level.

Curriculum Review—Chair, Janet Briggs, has distributed a calendar to the College faculty to assist in planning for making curricular changes this year.

Mission and Strategic Planning Committee-Don't feel left out! I will be checking your schedules to set a date for our first meeting within the next week ☺

Rob Schurrer's exercise science majors are beginning their work as fitness trainers with University faculty and staff.

Mary Jones and her Indian Education students are working with the Rapid City Journey Museum to prepare curriculum packets for teachers.