College of Education News
October 2010

Faculty Meeting

Please note on your calendar that the next College of Education Faculty Meeting will be November 17th at 7:00 a.m. in the Library.

Committee News

Accreditation Committee—Micheline Hickenbotham is scheduling the first Accreditation Committee meeting of the year for October 29th. The committee will be preparing for the onsite NCATE visit in April and getting an update regarding the status of the off-site review of the Institutional Report.

Assessment Committee—Pat Simpson and Kathy Finkle provided training for University supervisors regarding the Teacher Work Sample changes for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Advisory Committee—The College of Education Advisory Committee held their first meeting September 17th. The theme of the meeting was *Science/ Technology/ Mathematics: Innovation and Impact.* Rob Schurrer provided an overview of the Exercise Science program; Art Jones led a tour of the science building construction; Russ Reed, PE major, opened a discussion regarding 21st Century Skills applied to teacher preparation; Pat Simpson updated the members regarding the Technology Integrationist Specialization; and Len Austin gathered input regarding the development of secondary teacher preparation field experiences.

Recruitment and Retention Committee—Mary Jones chairs this committee. The committee, with the assistance of Nancy Hall, will be staffing the seven Preview Days. They will also share in attending four President's Receptions in Sioux Falls, Pierre, Gillette, and Sheridan.

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. Thirteen new faculty computers have been ordered. Laura Turner is offering individualized SMART Board training. Dorothy is preparing an interactive Facebook page for the college.

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-There was a September Benchmark Meeting to review progress toward attaining the project goals. 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. 50% of the Project SELECT completers who received Dakota ASSETS scholarships signed contracts to teach in high needs schools.

33% of the Elementary completers who received Dakota ASSETS scholarships signed contracts to teach in high needs schools. 3) The TQE grant funding ends in September 2011. The TTT grant funding will end in September 2012.

Field Experience Governance Committee—This committee is chaired by Rich Carriveau and the first meeting is scheduled for September 30th.

Professional Progress Committee—The committee met virtually since there were no admissions appeals.

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 approved the proposal to submit an M.Ed. in Reading to the University Graduate Council.

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

Faculty News:
Dr. James Hesson had numerous 2010 publications.

Author of Weight Training for Life, 9th edition (**2010**) including the instructor manual and test bank. Cengage Learning, Belmont, CA.

Coauthor of Walking for Fitness, 5th edition (**2010**) including the instructor manual and test bank. Kendall-Hunt Publishing, Dubuque, IA.

Contributing author of the Stress Management for Life textbook 2nd edition (446 pages) including the instructor manual, test bank and activities manual (**2010**) Thomson Cengage Wadsworth, Belmont CA.

Kathleen Matthew had an article published in March 2010: Gandy, S. Kay & Matthew, Kathleen (2010). Origin Stories: Geography, Culture and Belief. Social Studies and the Young Learner V22(4) and a presentation: Teaching Science Process Skills through Activity at the South Dakota Science Teacher's Association (SDSTA) in Huron on February 6, 2010.

Jami Stone was selected for the Service, Teaching and Research (STAR) program for early career mathematics educators. The institute was held July 12-16, 2010 in Park City, UT.

Faye LaDuke Pelster presented the following in May 2010 *"What if We Work Together?: Collaboration Between a University and Reservation School" at the* 55th Annual Meeting of the International Reading Association in Chicago, Illinois.