

College of Education  
Faculty Assembly Minutes  
September 28, 2004

I. Call to order-8:30am.

II. Minutes of May 18, 2004 meeting were approved.

III. Standing Committee Reports

- A. Academic Affairs-Reported by Mary Evan Griffith- Presented the proposal of a minor modification of variable credit for the Leadership course, EDADL 212. The course is currently a 2-credit hour course and the change would make it variable credit, either 2 or 3 credits. Dr. Griffith moved, Dr. Harbstreit seconded, and the motion passed.  
Each proposal passed by unanimous vote.
- B. Faculty Affairs-Reported by Dr. Frank Spikes-Nominations are being solicited for the Alumni Fellow Award. Sandy Evans in BH 363 has hard copies of the nomination forms. The Alumni Fellow will be on campus February 28-March 1, 2005.
- C. Student Affairs-Reported by Dr. Judy Hughey-A handout was distributed describing each award coordinated by the Student Affairs Committee. It included the award criteria, dates, and the co-chair to whom nominations should be submitted.
- D. Diversity Committee-Reported by Dr. Trudy Salsberry-Harmony week is concluding. The committee is considering appropriate revisions in the policy and procedures manual to clarify membership and focus. Dr. Kim Staples is the new chair of the Diversity Committee.

IV. Other Reports

- A. Faculty Senate-Drs. Marjorie Hancock and Jackie Spears-The senate is reconsidering the faculty drop policy. There seems to be questions regarding whom the students should contact to drop a class for which a faculty name is not given.  
There is discussion on the procedures for selection of the University Distinguished Professors. The chronic low achievement policy is being studied for possible revisions.  
Faculty expressed concern over use of electronic devices in classes.  
There is reorganization with the compensation task force and salary and fringe benefit subcommittee within the faculty affairs committee of faculty senate.  
The \$2500 faculty enhancements given last year are being reviewed. Administration has committed for another round of enhancement funding.  
There is much nationwide discussion regarding the policy of athletes receiving course credit for participating in collegiate sports. Dr. Spears stated that not only do athletes receive credit; all students involved in performance activities such as band, choir, and orchestra also receive academic credit. Individual faculty have control over grade or credit/non-credit status. Grading options are individual faculty decisions.  
There is discussion regarding the appropriate criteria for high school students to receive concurrent academic credit(s) while a student is still attending high school.
- B. Graduate Council-Dr. Paul Burden reported-The COE has four members serving on Graduate Council-Drs. David Griffin, Diane McGrath, Teresa Miller, and Paul Burden.  
There will be a North Central visit in the Spring 2005. The focus will be on assessment and learning outcomes.  
There have been changes in the staff of the Graduate School with the retirement of Bobette McGaughey and the departure of Ted Knous.  
Discussion items included: International student recruitment is at an all time low.

There has been growth in the master's programs, especially in distance education programs. There is funding from Graduate Student Council for graduate students to use in professional travel. October 1 is the request deadline for travel before the end of the year.

Dr. Duane Nellis spoke at the last Graduate Council meeting. He spoke of concerns regarding graduate student benefits and stipends and importance of GTA preparation. The electronic dissertation transition is on target and is being piloted now. The goal is to have electronic submission by 2006.

- C. GSE-Reported by Cecilia Hernandez-A meeting will be held on October 8 for all graduate students in the College of Education.
- D. Library-Marcia Stockham-The library will send an e-mail to faculty regarding an update on library news.
- E. Teacher Education Council-The council meets on the first and third Tuesdays, 7:30pm. They are looking to bring in faculty willing to speak to the members.  
The Mock Interviews and Career Fair are being held the same day as Educational Symposium, October 28.  
Student of the Month nomination forms are placed on the bulletin boards.
- F. Continuing Education-Reported by Mary Marston-Evelyn Knowles is now assisting Mary Marston.

IV. Old Business-No report.

V. New Business-None.

VI. Dean's Report-Reported by Associate Dean Jan Wissman-The College of Education is having visitors from the Ukraine today.

Dr. Wefald at the State of the University Address recognized Drs. Spears and Bob Zabel.

The advising complex is being remodeled to add resources for enhanced advising and student services.

Rooms 217-225 and 343-344 are being remodeled to be made technology friendly.

Dr. Warren White was acknowledged for his work in assessment on behalf of the College. Dr. White will co-chair the Teacher Alumni Council with Randy Watson.

Drs. Shroyer and Yahnke have received notification that the College being awarded a Teacher Quality Grant for \$8,740,578. The five-year grant will focus on COE collaboration with Arts and Sciences, community colleges and school districts. Congratulations to Drs. Shroyer and Yahnke on this outstanding grant.

Meeting adjourned.

Judy Hughey  
Secretary