

College of Education
Executive Committee Minutes
Sept 14, 2004

I. Call to order at 8:30am by Dr. Trudy Salsberry. In attendance: Mary Heller, Diane Murphy, Cecilia Hernandez, Frank Spikes, Steve Harbstreet, Judy Hughey, Warren White, Trudy Salsberry, and Dean Mike Holen.

II. Minutes of April meeting were approved as corrected. The correction was as follows: Student teaching options in Kansas City will be phased out for elementary education student teachers. Kansas City will remain as a student teaching option for secondary education students.

III. Standing Committee Reports

A. Academic Affairs-Reported by Steve Harbstreet

1. Proposed 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. Harbstreet moved to pass the proposal and Dr. White seconded the motion. Motion passed.

B. Faculty Affairs-Reported by Frank Spikes

1. The Alumni Fellow visit will be February 28-March 1, 2005.

C. Student Affairs-Reported by Judy Hughey

1. A handout describing each award's criteria, dates, and the chairperson to whom nominees should be submitted, will be distributed during faculty assembly.
2. Advisors of student organizations have been asked to include the issue of safety for COE students as a meeting or seminar topic during this academic year.
3. Advising continues to be an important issue for both undergraduates and graduate students. The Graduate Advising Survey will be an option for faculty to use with their graduate students.

D. Diversity for Community-Reported by Trudy Salsberry

1. The committee is discussing events to sponsor this year.
2. Scholarship opportunities are being posted on the bulletin board by the Catalyst.
3. A member of the committee will be attending a Diversity Summit in Kansas City with Dean Holen.
4. Revisions in the language regarding committee membership will be discussed and decided at a later date following further deliberation by the committee.

IV. Other Reports

A. Faculty Senate-Reported by Frank Spikes

1. Senate Faculty Affairs committee will be meeting with the Provost and the University Distinguished Professors to discuss the selection criteria for the University Distinguished Professorship.
2. There is discussion of a Senior Professor rank as some other universities use.
3. The Chronic Low Achievement Policy language in the handbook is being reviewed.
4. There is discussion with Vickie Clegg regarding the use of online student ratings.
5. It was suggested that perhaps brown bag lunch discussions could be organized for certain topics of interest currently on the agenda of Faculty Senate. Dean Holen and the faculty senators could facilitate the discussion for those COE faculty interested in particular topics.

B. Graduate Council- No report

C. GSE-Reported by Cecilia Hernandez

1. The committee requests a list of all graduate students and their e-mail addresses.
2. There will be a meeting for graduate students before the end of the month. Topics to be discussed include the changes made in the University Graduate Student Organization. The additional travel funds will be made available to graduate students.

D. Library-No report

E. Education Council-No report

V. Old Business-None

VI. New Business-Reported by Trudy Salsberry

1. Ken Holland will present a program during the faculty assembly on International Programs within the University.
2. There was discussion on department representation on standing committees. The committee discussed the question of whether the membership of the standing committees should be altered given the new configuration of the departments. Dean Holen suggested the committee not rush into changes but leave as it is for this transition time. A motion will be written (reflecting continuing the status quo membership guidelines) for approval at a faculty assembly meeting.
3. The Diversity Committee will study revised wording in the membership section of the faculty by-laws. The goal is to allow for additional membership.

VII. Dean's Report- Reported by Dean Mike Holen

1. Dean Holen and Dr. Kim Staples will represent the COE at a multiple university Diversity Summit in Kansas City.
2. Dena Holen met with the University Distinguished Professors. Discussion included the criteria for selection of the UDP. There appears to be a difference of opinion on what the criteria should be perhaps due to the heavy selection from certain areas of the university. Dr. Ken Hoyt, now retired, represented the College of Education as a University Distinguished Professor.
3. There is discussion on sponsored research being placed in private corporations rather than the University. Indirect dollars from grant funds are used in a critical way for the university and there is concern over the rights of the state to call back the funds.
4. The Senior Professor rank raises questions on the entire issue of rank.
5. The recruiting has started for faculty positions in elementary, special education, and a position in the advising office.
6. Rooms 217-243 and 343-344 will soon be remodeled and updated for use of technology.

The meeting was adjourned.

Judy Hughey
Secretary