

Minutes
Dean's Administrative Council
College of Education
University of South Alabama
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10:00 AM – 11:00 AM, January 10, 2011

Members Present: Dr. Richard L. Hayes, Dean; Dr. Phillip Feldman, Associate Dean; Leadership and Teacher Education; Dr. Charles Guest, Chair, Professional Studies; Dr. Frederick Scaffidi, Chair, Health, Physical Education, and Leisure Studies; Dr. James Van Haneghan, Director, Assessment and Evaluation; Dr. Andrea Kent, Director, Field Services; Dr. Peggy Delmas, Director, Student Advising; Dr. Agnes Smith, Leadership and Teacher Education. **Absent Members:** Dr. Abigail Baxter, Director, Graduate Studies and Research; Dr. Harold Dodge, Interim Chair, Leadership and Teacher Education.

Thomas L. Chilton, Associate Dean, and Dr. Tres Stefurak, COE Faculty Council Representative were absent.

Dean Hayes called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Information Update

- a. **COE Basketball Nights** - Dean Hayes asked that the Dean's Council members begin identifying those they wish to invite to the COE Basketball night in the President's Suite on Sunday, February 27th @ 4:05 PM..
- b. **New Faculty Searches** – The search committee for the Assistant Professor in Counseling in Professional Studies has two candidates coming in to interview January 21st and 23rd. The search committee for the Chair of LTE has recommended that the search be continued. The Assistant Professor search for HPELS has identified a pool of 6/7 candidates and will be meeting this week to review applicants.
2. **Founders Day** – Dean Hayes continues to negotiate a suitable date for potential guest speakers for this event which may necessitate having it on a date other than February 7th. The council was asked to inform any faculty who might be including this date in their syllabus.
3. **First Year Experience Curriculum** – While the main focus is on retention of students, improvement in the quality of freshman students is also an issue. Dr. Feldman suggested that, as a way of encouraging a career in education, we use some of the unused funds in the STAY Program (Students Teaching America's Youth) which could use our students to tutor students in secondary education. Financial Aid has a hard time placing these students because they either do not want to work or do not have transportation.
4. **TRAC-DAT** – Dr. Van Haneghan will be distributing an update to the faculty this week.
5. **Collaborative Research Retreat** - Dr. Feldman again encouraged attendance at a free collaborative research retreat to be held at Five Rivers Delta Resource Center on January 28, 2011. This will be a short course on how to prepare grants and contracts. Those who plan to attend should register this week.
6. **Living/Learning Communities** – Dean Hayes and Dr. Dempsey are working on ways to engage students through a virtual Second Life program. This initiative goes hand in hand with the First Year Experience Curriculum toward improving retention. Dr. Keshock is developing a virtual community related to health issues.
7. **Learning with Technologies Plan** – The question is “Does the COE have a plan for infusing technology into our curriculum?” While the College as a whole is ahead of the game with using technology, for the SACs accreditation review, each faculty member needs to be able to clearly articulate and document the ways in which they and the COE are using technology, especially related to instruction. We continue to receive feedback from Foliotek regarding assessment, but need to look at other avenues of feedback for assessing the uses of technology.
8. **Proposed Change to 128 hour graduation requirement** - USA is considering reducing the hours needed to graduate from 128 to 120. Dean Hayes has asked department chairs to provide feedback on the potential implications of such a reduction on their programs.
9. **Other** –

- a. Dean Hayes' New Year's resolution is to try to articulate deadlines and what actions are necessary more clearly in future memos to administrators in the COE. In return he has asked for more timely feedback from each administrator.
- b. Dr. Dodge brought up a problem with registration site (PAWS) where COE was filed incorrectly alphabetically under "U". That problem seems to have been rectified as of this morning.
- c. Dr. Scaffidi asked for help in turning a scanned document into an editable document and was instructed to send his materials to Marian who will acquire the appropriate program needed to accomplish this task.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Zambrano
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