



John H. Lounsbury College of Education

## John H. Lounsbury College of Education Faculty Meeting Minutes

Date: January 12, 2024

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Location: Kilpatrick Rooms 132

Faculty and staff members present: *Cynthia Alby, Alexandra Berghund, Linda Bradley, Rachel Bray, Eric Carlyle Andrea Christoff, Paulette Cross, Hiller Crook, Nicole DeClouette, Keisha Foston, J.W. Good, Jane Hinson, Miriam Jordan, Bethany McClure, Russ Merritt, Nancy Mizelle, Bekir Mugayitogklu, Kim Muschaweck, Lyndall Muschell, Mike Newton, Olha Osobov, Joseph Peters, Marcia Peck, Joanne Previts, Cheryl Reynolds, Suzanna Roman-Oliver, Barbara Roquemore, Hunter Strickland, Rob Sumowski, Stacy Waller, Adam Whitaker, and Stephen Wills.*

Those sending regrets: *Claire Garrett, Chris Greer, Rui Kang, and Carmen Woodhall.*

Regrets: (none received as of today)

### Welcome: Miriam Jordan

Student pantry announcement: Our pantry for students who are food insecure has been emptied out. You can bring individually wrapped items or money to help with the restocking process.

### Hats Off: Linda Bradley

- In December, Dr. Suzanna Roman-Oliver submitted the draft of her book to the publisher. Reminds us of the details, Suzanna.
- Hats-off to Cynthia Alby for the workshop on AI that she facilitated for CETL on January 5 here in Kilpatrick. It was attended by faculty from across campus, who not only learned how to get started with AI but got to participate in the effective teaching strategies that Cynthia modeled.
- The Teacher Education Department Chair search has been successfully concluded. Dr. Stacie Pettit will officially begin in July. The faculty serving on that committee include:
  - Dr. Russ Merritt
  - Dr. Nancy Mizelle
  - Dr. Stacy Waller
  - Dr. Steve Wills
  - Dr. Miriam Jordan
  - And Dr. Brian Newsome – Search Chair
- Congratulations to Dr. Nancy Mizelle on to fronts:
  - Dr. Nancy Mizelle was tapped for membership in the Georgia College & State University Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa (The National Leadership Honor Society) and will be inducted on Thursday, January 25th.
  - Dr. Nancy Mizelle was awarded TQP GREAT Grant (year 5/5), from the US Department of Education/Southern Regional Education Board for \$95,680.

### Approval of the January agenda and Minutes of the November 2023 meeting

Approved as distributed

### **Updates and information from the Dean's Office: Dr. Joseph Peters:**

- Congrats to Shanda and all faculty for Grad enrollment 4% increase; however, COE is the only college that increased and we increased 8% 1 mill tuition and 3 million in state support. Thank you and congratulations!
- Faculty Collaborative Initiative for the Deal Center – reaching out to faculty at GC for collaboratives. You would work with the Deal Center in research or other things. They might buy out a class. Kristina Dandy is doing research while they are paying a course buyout for her. They will explain the details. It is good for careers to partner the Deal Center and the COE
- Draft of strategic planning – only a draft. Between now and the Department meeting – see what we agree with and think about it. You need to pay close attention to see what you as a college are interested in. You will discuss it at the Department meeting and then Joe will present it at the President's Council.
- Question about Dean's transition – hopefully there will be a transition as Dr. Previts moves into the Interim Dean role July 1<sup>st</sup>

### **Committee Reports:**

Curriculum: Roddran Grimes

- i. Please see the email of programs from PLI where we are seeking to remove the pre-requisites. There are 9 program proposals.
  1. Discussion – Just Background information. This is something Dr. Mizelle has been working on for some time.
  2. It was a bit of a surprise in the timing
  3. The purpose is for consistency and facilitating the advising and registration process for students. Smoothing the process for graduate students
  4. Library media and Technology will be left in.
  5. All 9 proposal are up for vote
- ii. Ask for a motion for these proposals
- iii. Lynda Muschell – motion to approve all 9 proposals for all 9 programs and related courses
- iv. Coming from committee – no 2<sup>nd</sup> needed
- v. Unanimous vote

### **Update and Information on QEP: Cara Smith**

SACS Report due on Monday

We saw you in November. All due dates and committee information along with QEP remains the same. After Tuesday we will enter the phase of preparing for the visit – with program coordinating, faculty, chairs. Request of the committee – confirm on campus visit meetings

Faculty, chairs, and coordinators will meet in different groups – does everyone participate in the process?

Evidence of SACS review process. The offsite team – all looks good. When the team arrives – need evidence that faculty participated in curriculum review;

Continuous Review Forms that are used are an excellent form of evidence. The standard is 6.2B – we flooded them with evidence. They want different perspectives that you all actually do meet and discuss assurance of quality.

QEP proposal is coming together nicely. We will be sending out the proposal as completed. We will ask you to generate questions and build connections. We will be seeking volunteers to join in the participation in SACS visit – QEP, faculty, staff

Emily gives reports – Don't cancel class initiatives; form link in the Provost notes  
Let us know if we can provide information for your students about wellness – QEP evidence and pilot programs. Ask for dates if planning to be gone. (*Will the instructor get any feedback? That is something we will start this semester – a short survey about the experience.*) It has been very successful so far.

What is happening with online (graduate) students and the QEP? All we have for undergraduate programs, we will have available programming with online components/accessibility. Don't cancel class can be used for online synchronous classes. It could be a check in. For asynchronous we have tons of modules from 5 minutes to an hour. The word for faculty and students is headed out. Dr. Gregg – I added QEP resources in the Start Here part of online courses. We have opportunities to be explicit in announcements and highlighting resources.

More development is forthcoming. Many dates for programming begin next fall. Please keep us posted with your questions.

### **Other Committee Reports**

Barbara Roquemore – early March – hosting the visiting Scholar UNLV. You do not want to miss the message she brings to faculty and all who work in education. She is a community organizer, has been a superintendent of schools. She is a mother with 3 children. Her message is inspiring – belonging and overcoming barriers; showing kindness. She is asked to speak to women's groups and leaders March 4-8<sup>th</sup>. We will advertise many times that she will presenting. Put it on your calendar and look for information coming out of DEL.

### **Senate Business**

- Senate Report: Rob Sumowski
  - November and December were quiet Senate months; 4 committees did not meet in January. FAPC is examining wording for the SRIS revisions - the courses evaluation; IFR and emeritus status regarding polity wording
- Senate Elections: Linda & Miriam
  - Departments met for nominations and preparation for COE Senator elections  
Teacher Education nominated Susana Roman-Oliver  
Professional Learning & Innovation nominated Bekir Mugatoglu
  - In unanimous election, Dr. Roman-Oliver and Dr. Mugayitoglu were elected as new University Senators for the COE with terms starting August 2024-May 2027

### **Announcements:**

- PL&I: Nancy Mizelle
  - Reminder of JHL Lecture with Dr. Peter Johnston on Feb 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.; Refreshments at 5:30 with Book Signing. I'm looking for opportunities for him to work with faculty and students that day. Professor emeritus from SUNY Albany Engaging Literate Minds; Worked with teachers; has done work with dyslexia. Please come and join us. Comes to us from New Zealand by way of SUNY. Importance of social and emotional aspect of education
  - The first 2 Doctoral Candidates graduated in December – Dr. April Dockery and Dr. Daymond Ray.
  - The Ed.D. will have a pause in program acceptance for a year. We have more than 20 students now – and this takes all the resources of the faculty that we have.

- One – two searches that will go on this spring. In December, Dr. Mehranian announced his retirement for January 1, 2024.
  - We have other program information and changes, program evaluations.
  - We look forward to a strong spring semester
- TED: Nicole DeClouette
  - January intensive
  - Tiered Certification Workshop– Next week – Malina with link for online students
  - Undergraduate cohort applications are due – Jan 19<sup>th</sup>
  - 2 searches – Special Education and Elementary Education

**Meeting Adjourned at 3:01 pm**