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## **Minutes of the September 8, 2023 College of Education Meeting**

Faculty and staff members present were: Cynthia Alby, Alexandra Berglund, Linda Bradley, Shanda Brand, Rachel Bray, Andrea Christoff, Elizabeth Colquitt, Hiller Crook, Nicole DeClouette, J.W. Good, Diane Gregg, Roddran Grimes, Jane Hinson, Miriam Jordan, Rui Kang, Bethany McClure, Yeprem Mehranian, Russ Merritt, Nancy Mizelle, Bekir Mugayitoglu, Kim Muschaweck, Lyndall Muschell, Mike Newton, Olha Osobov, Marcia Peck, Joseph Peters, Joanne Previts, Cheryl Reynolds, Suzanna Roman-Oliver, Barbara Roquemore, Rob Sumowski, Natalie Toomey, Stacy Waller, and Stephen Wills. Those sending regrets were Marcia Peck and Carmen Woodhall.

The faculty of the John H. Lounsbury College of Education convened for the September faculty meeting at 2:00 p.m., in Rooms 226/227. Stacy Waller welcomed the group. The minutes of the August meeting were not available and will be presented at the September meeting.

Hats Off recognitions: Rob Sumowski and Steve Wills were recognized and thanked for their dedicated service on the Purpose and Direction Committee for the past several years. We appreciate their hard work and guidance.

Hats off also, to Bekir Mugayitoglu, Natalie Toomey, and the instructional technology faculty for planning and carrying out the Canva workshop today, and for their plans for more training in the coming months.

Dean Peters updated us on the following items:

- a. Enrollment & staffing
  - i. Graduate enrollment is at an all-time high with over 600 students.
  - ii. We completed a staffing spreadsheet and shared it with the Provost. It reflects the tremendous effort you are making to support enrollment.
- b. Lines and Positions
  - i. FY 25 line (Middle Grades)
  - ii. FY 26 line (Elementary Education)
  - iii. We will be asking for three new lines in budget request for FY 25
    1. Assistant Professor of Technology Innovation
    2. Assistant Professor of Special Education/EDUC/GC1Y2Y (support Nexus Degree and Pre-education/GC1Y2Y)
    3. Assistant Professor for C&I/Teacher Leadership (support C&I and Teacher Leadership programs.)
  - iv. Accreditation coordinator search closed (September 15<sup>th</sup> Eric Carlile will interview from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.)

- v. Partnerships and Placements Director Search has been put into the system and is going through the approval process.
- vi. Teacher Education Chair search has been put into the system and is going through the approval process.
- vii. Temporary Administrative Assistant for Teacher Education to fill in for Bessie position closes today.
- viii. The Assistant Professor of Elementary Education position closes October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- c. Maker Space
  - i. Diedra continues to order supplies.
  - ii. Room 136 has officially been taken offline for courses and will become the maker space extension housing the Computer Numeric Control (CNC) machine, the plasmas cutter, the milling machine, the sandblaster, the drill press, welding equipment, and more.
  - iii. We currently have a proposal to an external donor to fund room renovations and additional equipment.
- d. Budget
  - i. We do not have the Summer Professional Development budget yet and anticipate it later this month. Priority funding will be for program coordinators (\$33,000), faculty travel (\$90,000), Call Me MiSTER/AAMI (\$10,000), part-time faculty (\$60,000), recruiting (\$10,000), and the sensory room (\$20,000). We also support one faculty position with summer funds (\$80,000). Total: \$303,000 (note these are estimates)

Associate Dean DeClouette informed us that the name of the Program Completer Survey has been changed to EPP Program Satisfaction Survey to avoid confusion and can be used at any point in the program.

The committee assignments were reviewed and discussed. Of particular note: Because Paulette Cross is not able to be on campus, Chris Greer will fill that University Senate seat for the remainder of that term. Suzanna Oliver-Roman will serve on the Excellence in Teaching Committee with Natalie Toomey coming off of that committee. Rui Kang will serve on the IRB committee. Other updates have been made and are on the revised committee list.

Linda Bradley compiled and organized the results of the August faculty survey and led the group in a thoughtful and reflective review of the survey information.

#### Committee Reports:

Roddran Grimes reported on Constitution Week which begins September 18. There are events spread across the week and across campus with the final event, Time for Changes in the U.S. Supreme Court? at 6 p.m. on September 21, in Peabody Auditorium

Andrea Christoff reported that the Middle Grades Summit conference will be on October 6, from 9:00-3:00, with the Fireside program on the preceding evening. The middle grades teacher candidates are selling tee-shirts to raise funds for their trip to the CMLA conference.

Senate Report: Rob Sumowski reported that the University Senate held a successful Annual Governance Retreat on 14 August 2023. Other issues currently being discussed by various committees are:

- APC: At my request, APC has agreed to re-examine whether recent changes in AI warrant any changes in the plagiarism policy or the development of a separate AI policy similar to the one at Augusta University. I asked APC to involve Cynthia Alby and Writing Center Director Joy Bracewell in this discussion and both agreed to share their perspectives and expertise.
- DEIPC: DEIPC met with President Cox on September 1 to discuss possible changes in the Diversity Syllabus Statement in order to comply with recent changes in USG Policy 6.5. This committee will begin examining this at their October meeting.
- FAPC: FAPC is examining the suggestion that GCSU adjust SRIS practices so that all courses receive SRIS evaluations. FAPC is examining the possibility of closing a loophole in the Emeritus Policy and whether the 30-day period to request emeritus status should be expanded. FAPC is examining the Final Exam Policy and whether it needs clarification. They may involve APC in this as a joint inquiry. FAPC discussed the Post-Tenure Review Policy in light of recent USG changes allowing a faculty-led final hearing on due process issues prior to termination of a tenured faculty member. At the request of APC, FAPC will also examine adequate equitable overload pay for faculty.
- RPIPC: RPIPC will continue examination of the Amorous Relationship Policy and procedures for reporting amorous relationships. RPIPC will send proposed procedures to General Counsel Brett Montroy for a legal opinion on whether this is compliant with Title IX and then will refer to FAPC for additional review. RPIPC will speak with Frank Baugh regarding summer utilities management. This committee also will continue to examine the Parking Policy and will request a report on student tickets for parking in faculty lots as well as examine signage for clarity.
- SAPC: SAPC is examining student parking needs and the possibility of beginning a Food for Fines program in which parking offenders would provide food items for the needy in order to forgive parking fines. SGA has asked SAPC to request an increase in Wellness Center operating hours over weekends and holidays.

It was announced that the little library is now open! It is currently located downstairs by room 125.

The motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved at 3:30.

Respectfully submitted,

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For the Purpose and Direction Committee