

Department Heads Council (DHC)

Meeting of February 24, 2009

Odum Library 1604

Members in Attendance: Jim Baxter (Chemistry), Michael Capece (Sociology, Anthropology & Criminal Justice with Marriage & Family Therapy), Carl Cates (Communication Arts), Ed Chatelain (Physics, Astronomy & Geosciences), Bob Gannon (Biology), Mike Griffin (Kinesiology & Physical Education), Wallace Koehler (Master of Library and Information Science Program), Rey Martinez (Adult & Career Education), Lynn Minor (Early Childhood & Special Education), A. Blake Pearce (Art), Jim Peterson (Political Science), Mylan Redfern (Mathematics & Computer Science), Paul Riggs (History), James Shrader (Music), Mark Smith (English), Viki Soady (Modern/Classical Languages), Cindy Tori (Marketing and Economics), Len Weld (Accounting & Finance)

Guests:

Mr. John Crawford, Vice President for University Advancement

Mr. Walter Peacock, Director of Admissions & Enrollment Management

Dr. Smith, Chair of the DHC, opened the meeting at 4:00 pm. He introduced Mr. John Crawford who then outlined the work of his office in the preceding six months. He was glad to report that fourth quarter financial figures for the Foundation were strong and with a record number of gifts. At the same time, he pointed out that endowment investment earnings were down by 24.7%. He further noted that the Foundation will focus on ten densely populated cities in an effort to approach the highest number of VSU alumni. Giving to the Faculty/Staff campaign was down this year from what it was last year, and he is working on a new strategy for next year. March 13 is an important day, for the VSU Gala called "Blazin' Hot Night" will be a new venture in fund raising. He remarked that the Capital Campaign Study is a continuing project. A brief discussion ensued. DHC members offered ideas on the timing of the campaign and on the need to locate some personnel in the Atlanta area.

Mr. Peacock then addressed a point from the previous meeting about the problem of transfer of credit from ABAC for core curriculum Communication Arts courses. Discussion centered on both UGA's new core curriculum and its impact on transfer of credit. Comments also emerged about transfer of credit from out-of-state colleges and universities. Mr. Peacock also responded to a question about projected fall enrollments. He reported that applications were down by 70 but acceptances were up by 400. There was a brief discussion about transfer students from South

Georgia College, students in the tech school system, and Georgia Military College. The related topics of fall enrollments and the future of full-time temporary faculty members also received attention.

Dr. Smith mentioned that the DHC needed to elect a member to the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC). Dr. Soady nominated Dr. Redfern. Dr. Koehler asked that nominations be closed, and Dr. Martinez suggested her election by acclamation. The group accepted the minutes from the meeting of January 27, 2009. Dr. Smith said that the next meeting would be on March 31, and the group adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Peterson, Recording Secretary