

DEWAR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
(03.23.17)

Attendance: Karen Rubin, Renee Whitmer, Natalie Kuhlmann, Shirley Andrews, Leon Pate, Sonya Sanderson, Lynn Minor, Barbie Radcliffe, Doug Farwell, Reynaldo Martinez, Linda Most, Kate Warner, Deb Briihl

Dr. Minor called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Curriculum Proposals:

- Health and Physical Education Curriculum Proposal: Dr. Sanderson discussed a new course, Fitness in Rhythms & Dance, which will replace circuit training. The course is available to all VSU students and will teach students new fitness crazes like hip hop, modern dance, and DrumFit. Discussion ensued. Dr. Warner moved to accept the request for curriculum change, Dr. Most seconded. No one opposed, no one abstained and said motion passed via consensus.
- Psychology, Counseling, and Family Therapy Curriculum Proposals: (Please see handout) Dr. Warner and Dr. Briihl presented the committee with requests regarding the below courses. Dr. Most moved to accept all requests and revisions with proper corrections, Dr. Sanderson seconded. No one opposed, no one abstained and said motion passed via consensus.
 - PSYC 4170 Request for New Course: The course meets the requirements for a new minor in addictions. Discussion ensued.
 - PSYC 3950 Request for New Course: The course would be open to non-majors, making subject matter available to a wider community. Discussed ensued.
 - PSYC 4500 Revised Course Request: The course would be changed from a 3 hour credit course to a maximum of 6 hours. This would increase options for students when meeting the additional 3 hours that were added to total upper division course requirements. Discussion ensued.
- COEHS Catalog Copy Revisions: Dr. Minor discussed revisions to the undergraduate and graduate catalogs regarding program requirements and departmental information. Discussion ensued. Dr. Radcliffe moved to accept the revisions, Dr. Farwell seconded. No one opposed, no one abstained and said motion passed via consensus.

Clinical Experiences and Certification: Mrs. Whitmer updated the committee on Professional Development Day and declared the event a successful learning experience for our student teachers, faculty, and P-12 teachers. Let Mrs. Whitmer know if you would like more information on the speaker, Dr. Tammy Schwartz, or have any feedback on the event. Mrs. Whitmer also introduced Dave Burgess as the tentative speaker for Spring 2018's Professional Development Day.

CPAAE: (Please see handout) Mrs. Kuhlmann presented information regarding the fees undergraduates must pay in pursuit of their first teaching certificates. She discussed possible venues to lower costs, such as listing LiveText as a book in 2999 and 5999 courses so that students can utilize financial aid for this cost. Creating a fund to offset the costs for students was also discussed. Mrs. Kuhlmann will list the fee schedule on the 2999 information page.

Deans' Council Update: Dr. Minor provided the committee with updates from the Deans' Council.

- The guidelines for contracting summer faculty were discussed. The committee is waiting to hear back from Human Resources about the appropriate forms. It is unsure whether we will have Summer 2017 contracts. Dr. Minor will update the Executive Committee on this matter.
- The MAPS presentation and workshop has prompted the committee to look into providing PSYC & ECE students with a 4 year completion date. This will help to increase retention.
- VSU Day at the capitol was a success.
- Secretary positions will be reclassified beginning Fall 2017. The details of salary changes are unknown at this time.
- The Department of Student Diversity and Inclusion will be holding a Lavender Ceremony on May 3rd. Please let Dr. Minor know of any departmental conflicts.
- The suspension appeal process is under review and specific deadlines for appeals are being set.
- The University Assessment Awards were held on March 22nd (Please see handout).
- The Eduventures Webinar provided the committee with a report of the state of higher education within the nation, Georgia, and Valdosta State University. Dr. Minor will supply the provided reports to the Executive Committee upon approval. VSU is leading enrollment in online graduate programs. Looking at ways to increase graduation numbers will be advantageous to university success.
- The COEHS Celebration of Students will be held on Wednesday, April 19th. The celebration will be facilitated by a master of ceremonies in order to create a more succinct event.
 - Discussion ensued with an Executive Committee consensus that the master of ceremonies should be given a short statement about the student (word limit to be decided) to read on behalf of the department while the department representative physically hands out the award. Descriptions of programs and scholarships would be included in the program in lieu of vocal explanation during the ceremony.

Announcements: Please see agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Rowland