Educational Studies Faculty Meeting  
April 27, 2012  
9:00 a.m. - Gooch Hall 233

Present: Betty Cox, Texas Culver, David Dietrich, Robert Erk, Ginny Esch, Kathy Evans, Louis Glover, Beverly Hearn, Mark Hewitt, James Petty, Beth Quick (chair), Ramona Nelson, Terry Silver, Michael Spaulding, Cherry Watts, Crystal Whitlow

I. Call to Order and Approval of March 2012 faculty meeting minutes:
Dr. Quick called April 27, 2012 faculty meeting to order. A motion was made to approve March 23, 2012 faculty meeting minutes as submitted.

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II. Faculty Accomplishments or Activities:

A. Cherry Watts announced that the SPED Institute Grant has been renewed and funded for another 3 years.

B. Dr. Quick announced that the BASE TN Grant has been renewed and funded for an additional 3 years.

C. Crystal Whitlow is excited that the Gifted Program in Special Education is really expanding.

D. Ramona Nelson and Becky Cox are excited about the $200,000.00 STEM Grant awarded to them, and that each of them will be videotaping all teachers in school districts during the summer.

E. Dr. Quick just returned from being involved in BOE state visit. If any faculty are interested in being a BOE member, please let her know.

III. Announcements

A. May 10 - Teacher Education Admissions Interviews.

B. Submit Goals and Information regarding academic accomplishments prior to P&A Meeting; Schedule Meeting with Dr. Quick for annual P&A.

C. Textbook orders for summer and fall should be submitted. Deadline has passed.

D. Middle School STEM Camp will be held June 18-22, 2012 (Dr. Louis Glover-director) from 8 am to 5 pm.
E. Volunteers needed for SOAR in June and July.

F. Spring 2012 Grades Due.

G. Commencement: May 5 (11 am) - departmental representatives needed.

H. Maymester and Summer School Enrollment Minimum Enrollments required. Enrollment for Graduate and Undergraduate for 10 students is required for classes. Salaries will have to be prorated for classes with enrollment under 10.

IV. Old Business

A. Updates from Faculty Search Committee – Reading position (Dr. Hearn, chair). Dr. Quick thanked Dr. Hearn for all her hard work on the READ faculty search. On Monday, Dr. Thresa Stallings will be coming to campus to be interviewed. Please come and make her welcome. Dr. Stallings will be the last candidate to be interviewed at this time. Since spring classes have already ended, please ask students and faculty to please come by classroom to observe Dr. Stallings teach. A box lunch will be provided at 11:00.

B. Non-Licensure option in M.S. in Education - possibility of discontinuation and exploration of Adult Education or Higher Education option. No action taken right now. Dr. Quick asked faculty if anyone had any ideas on the Non-Licensure option. The committee will continue to research options. The committee will meet immediately after the faculty meeting. If anyone is interested, please join the committee.

C. Montessori Education option - Interdisciplinary Masters degree option. Dr. Quick stated that the only challenge right now was finding a solution for reducing tuition. Adjustments will have to be made to drop 15 to 18 credit hrs. to lower tuition. Hopefully by next summer we can begin Montessori Education program.

V. New Business

A. Committee Reports and Faculty Senate Reports: Robert Nanny will be Senate President for next year.

B. Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Workshop Report - Dr. Terry Silver addressed the faculty on the PLA (Prior Learning Assessment) workshop and life learning. Dr. Silver gave out materials and inserts for faculty to read and consider ideas.

VI. Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn.

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