Educational Studies Faculty Meeting  
September 20, 2013  

Present: Becky Cox, Betty Cox, Texas Culver, Karen DiBella, Robert Erk, Ginny Esch, Kathy Evans, Louis Glover, Beverly Hearn, Mark Hewitt, Patricia Hewitt, Suzanne Maniss, Ramona Nelson, Tammie Patterson, Glenda Rakes, Clinton Smith, Michael Spaulding, Joyce Swan, Cherry Watts, Kimberly Williams, Tarica Coble

I. Call to order and approval of August 22, 2013 faculty meeting minutes: Dr. Betty Cox called the September 20, 2013 faculty meeting to order. Motion was made to approve the August 22, 2013 faculty meeting minutes as submitted.

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II. Faculty Celebrations, Accomplishments, or Activities:
A. Louis Glover has an article published in the *Tennessee Educational Leadership* titled “Use of Constructivist Learning Activities to Promote Middle School Student Conceptual Science Achievement”.
B. Joyce Swan and Becky Cox have published an article.
C. Clinton had an article published titled “The Effects of Independent Group Oriented Contingency and Performance Feedback on the Praise Statement of Pre-Service Teachers during Summer Days – Camp for Children with Disabilities”. He also has a book chapter coming out in June 2014.
D. Cherry Watts also has been selected as editor of the *Tennessee Middle School Leadership Journal*.

III. Comments from Dean Kelley regarding Department of Educational Studies chair’s search: Dr. Betty Cox left the meeting for this discussion. Dean Kelley talked with faculty regarding the chair’s search. A decision has been made from higher administration that all external searches be put on hold at this time for the entire year. Dean Kelley extended 3 different options for the faculty to consider. Dean Kelley asked that the faculty consider these option very carefully and to meet among themselves and get back to him with their decision as soon as possible.
1. An Internal search for interim chair. Faculty need to consider the best interest for the college, department, and the University.
2. Ask Betty Cox to stay another year as interim, if Betty say no then someone else would have to agree to serve the second year.
3. Push administration for external search, but there would have to be some very strong reasoning. Dean Kelley didn’t think this option would go very far.

After Dean Kelley left the meeting the faculty decided to move forward on this. After a lot of discussion by faculty members a motion was made to recommend that Dr. Betty Cox move forward as candidate for permanent chair of Educational Studies. Faculty voted yes or no by secret ballot.

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Recommendation from faculty was given to Dean Kelley to move forward to administration.

IV. Announcements:
A. Admission to Teacher Education interviews will be conducted October 22-October 25 in 343 Gooch. Please sign up for at least three sessions by emailing Melanie Morris at mmorris@utm.edu.
B. On October 18, 2013, representatives from Northwest Core will present information concerning common core standards. The training will be in 228 Gooch from 1:00-3:30 p.m.

V. Departmental Committee and Faculty Senate Reports:
A. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee - None
B. Graduate Curriculum Committee - None
C. Bylaws Committee - None
D. Scholarship Committee - None
E. Technology Committee - None
F. P & A Rubric Committee – Dr. Robert Erk gave an update to faculty from the P & A committee. The committee has completed a draft of a new rubric for the P & A evaluation process. The new rubric will be emailed to the faculty very soon. The committee needs clarification or revisions on this by October 4, 2013. Please notify one of the committee members. The committee will meet and bring the final rubric to the October 18, 2013 faculty meeting for the faculty to vote on the new P & A rubric.

G. Faculty Senate Report – None
VI. Old Business:
A. NCTQ recommendation to raise admission requirement to 3.0 for graduate elementary education program: According to new CAEP standards this will go forward by 2016. The current recommendation only concerns the graduate elementary education program. It is believed that it would be difficult to do only elementary and that secondary education should be done also. With a 3.0 admission requirements there would be a loss of 11 out of 57 students. Several will be attending the TACTE conference next week and will find out more information on the CAEP requirements. Betty will email CAEP standards to faculty. A motion was made to table the NCTQ until a later date.

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VII. New Business:
A. Reelfoot Lake Environmental Field Station Faculty Advisory Committee representative for our department. Dr. Patricia Hewitt volunteered to be the representative for Educational Studies.

B. Formation of Graduate Curriculum Review Committee and Undergraduate Curriculum Review Committee. Dr. Cox talked with faculty about the formation of an undergraduate and graduate curriculum review committees. These committees will be responsible for reviewing courses and programs delivered by our department and those that are in the university catalog. Dr. Cox asked that faculty email her if they were willing to serve or knew someone they thought might serve on these committees. These emails should be sent to her by the September 27.

C. Departmental participation in Homecoming event: decorating offices with judging occurring on October 3 (Roarin’20’s theme). Mark Hewitt told faculty that STEA has agreed to decorate the outside doors in 239 and 240. Sandy Murray and Mark Hewitt have agreed to be in charge of this.

VII. Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn Educational Studies Faculty Meeting.

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