Department of Educational Studies  
Faculty Meeting Minutes  
April 9, 2003, 2:30 p.m., LRC  

Guests: Frank Black, Tommy Cates, Stan Dunagan, Karen Greenockle  

1. Welcome and Celebrations  
Dr. Brenda Gulledge welcomed the faculty and guests, and celebrations were enumerated.  
Mentioned were: Dr. Kathy Evans, and her work to get the Ella Jenkins Concert here as well as coordinating the off-campus visits made by Ms. Jenkins; Dr. Gene Annaratone and the STEA honors received in Nashville by our chapter; Dr. Ginny Esch, who presented at two conferences on Saturday; Dr. Patricia Hewitt, and her work for the Inservice on April 5, and to everyone who participated in the inservice; Dr. Ken Vogler’s travel to a work session with Jere Brophy; Dr. Rosetta Washington’s leadership as president of Phi Delta Kappa this year.  

2. Approval of minutes from last faculty meeting  
The minutes were presented for approval, motion to approve made by Dr. Michelle Arant, and seconded by Dr. Emily Long, motion carried.  

3. Online courses (Tommy Cates and Stan Dunagan)  
Dr. Tommy Cates and Mr. Stan Dunagan presented handouts and information regarding proposed online courses and the possibilities of getting grants (particularly from NSF) for this purpose. At this time they were asking for information, and checking to see how many of our faculty would be interested in doing this. It was stated by Drs Hewitt and Petty that this may not be a good thing for training faculty. Some of the noted drawbacks would be the necessary hands-on classes and experiments and the need for in class interaction to get feedback on methodology of how to teach the concepts.  

Dr. Cates reiterated that at this time they were only looking to see who might be interested in trying this. He agreed that we would probably not be able to do all of this online, but asked if there was enough interest to write the grant?  

4. MSIL curriculum (Bonnie Daniel)  
Before turning the floor over to Dr. Bonnie Daniel, Dr. Gulledge asked that the faculty not vote today on the items she was presenting, that we examine them, discuss them, and vote at a later date. She also read an e-mail from Dr. Annaratone stating that he was strongly opposed to this proposal.  

Dr. Daniel had sent out handouts for the faculty to read on the topic earlier in the week. After discussion about the MSIL curriculum proposals, Dr. Black, Interim Dean, asked to be recognized. He emphasized to the attendees the urgency of NCATE and the importance of everyone being focused on the preparation process. He then directed that discussion
regarding changes to the MSIL program be dropped. He stated that no changes could be made prior to the NCATE Review.

5. Advanced Elem/Advanced Sec Curriculum (Bonnie Daniel)
   There was no discussion on this topic, due to Dr. Black’s directive.

6. Pentecost Scholarship (Bonnie Daniel)
   Dr. Daniel announced that Ms. Heather Moran has been awarded the Pentecost Scholarship.

7. Miscellaneous –

   Dr. Gulledge thanked the faculty who have agreed to serve in the SOAR/Freshman Experience for the upcoming fall semester. She stated that we still needed one person for K-8, and if someone was interested, to please let her or Kristy know.

   Dr. Gulledge told the faculty that she participated in a meeting regarding Distance Learning this week, and asked what courses could we make distance learning that are not now? We need to reserve our slots for spring 2004 now. She asked that the faculty let Kristy know as soon as possible if they have any ideas on this.

   Dr. Gulledge distributed a survey for the University of Delaware to tenured and tenure track faculty, asked them to fill it out, and requested that they return it as soon as possible. The university is participating in a study in Measures of Out-of-Classroom Faculty Activity.

   Kristy reminded the faculty that student evaluations would be given through the end of the semester. She asked for at least a day’s notice so she can get them counted out and make arrangements to give the evaluation. Dr. Hewitt stated that we needed to decide if it is going to be part of the annual review. Dr. Gulledge indicated that student evaluations are considered to be one component of the multiple data sources for the planning and assessment conferences. She further stated that student evaluations provide professors with information that may assist them in improving their instructional delivery. Dr. Annaratone mentioned that we might possibly want to create an evaluation instrument for ourselves and no longer use the IDEA instrument, and that this had been discussed before. Dr. Vogler volunteered to chair a committee to study the issue of student evaluations. The committee will be formed and begin work in the fall of 2003.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05.

NOTE: The next faculty meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 29, 2003 at 2:30 pm.