

Professional Education Advisory Council
Minutes of October 5, 2005

Members present: Drs. Gayle Andrews, William Barstow, Sybilla Beckmann-Kazez, Betty Bisplinghoff, Dava Coleman, Thomas Cooper, Kathleen deMarrais, Todd Dinkelman, Rebecca Enghauser, William Finlay, Mary Anne Fitzgerald, Tarek Grantham, Helen Hall, Carole Henry, Frances Hensley, Michele Lease, Jamie Lewis, Diane Napier, Nicholas Oppong, Pam Paisley, Diane Ranson, Hugh Ruppensburg, John Schell, Max Skidmore, and John Ricketts

Dr. Kathleen deMarrais called the meeting to order.

Introduction

Drs. Kathleen deMarrais and Hugh Ruppensburg gave a handout which explained the by-laws of the council. Dr. deMarrais went over the purpose of the council and gave a brief history of the council as it was conceptualized through the Committee on the Office of Professional Education that submitted a final report in June 2004 recommending this council. The group included both college of education and arts and sciences faculty. Dr. Ruppensburg gave a history of the Deans' Forum that was formed by the deans of the Colleges of Arts & Sciences and Education with the purpose of engaging individual and groups of faculty working together on projects related to education. Projects such as GSTEP and PRISM grew out of the collaborations within the Deans' Forum.

Composition

The council discussed who should be invited from outside of the college to the meetings. Members suggested that we involve teachers and superintendents from the districts. It was suggested that we may have representation from the PSC and BOR.

Committee Structure

Dr. Kathleen deMarrais discussed the three sub committees and asked members if they would be interested in serving on these sub committees. A sign up sheet was passed around the table for members who want to serve on these committees.

Adoption of By-Laws

The by-laws were voted on by the committee. The vote was 25 yes and 0 abstentions.

Critical Issues

- Courses- when they are offered and what is offered each semester are a problem for several program areas. Many programs are turning away students because of the course scheduling problem. Need a more creative schedule. History classes are a problem for social studies majors because history courses are limited to history majors. Math 5001/5002 also has large enrollment demands. More instructors are needed in math (since the Math 5001 and other courses we talked about are taught in the math department).
- Scholarships- Need more scholarships for study abroad programs.
- Data- Need to find a better way to track students once they graduate.
- Policy- How can we be on the front end rather than the back end? Need to know what policies are in the works and how it will affect UGA.

Area F Update

Dr. Jamie Lewis gave an update and a handout was passed out on Area F. The vote on the Area F will be on December 7, 2005. The Area F course implications and policies were discussed. The issue of the special education course being eliminated from Area F was discussed as a problem.

GSTEP Framework Update

The Department of Education has already adopted the GSTEP Principles and Framework as the framework for teacher education in the state of Georgia. The PSC will vote on October 13, 2005 to adopt the GSTEP Framework as the state framework for educator preparation. It is expected that the Board of Regents will also move to adopt this framework as well.

PSC Program Reviews Update

Dr. deMarrais announced that the PSC has opened its website and will be ready for program submission shortly.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.