

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT CHAIRS COUNCIL
December 19, 2000

Present: Peter Barile, Nancy Bihlmeyer, Rod Lane, Mike Martin, Jean Mee, Irv Newman and John Onofrio.

Praxis II. Southern's results for Praxis II and Title II for 1999-2000 were reviewed. Procedures were discussed where program completers who did their work at another institution must take Praxis II before being admitted into the teacher certification program. The student may take two education courses before being formally admitted. Anyone who has taken their major coursework at another institution or taken it five years prior to admittance, must take Praxis II first. The college catalog revisions will reflect the procedures.

Departments. The CT State Department of Education eight member visiting team will visit Southern on January 31, 2001, to review the Education/Special Education Collaborative Certification Program. Betsy Foye and Jim Granfield are coordinating documents, exhibits and arrangements.

There will be a Title II Workshop for faculty on February 14 and 15, 2001, at the Ramada Inn, Meriden, CT. on performance assessment sponsored by the Connecticut Bureau of Certification and Professional Development. A second workshop is scheduled for April 4 and 5, 2001.

The shortage of classroom space was discussed. It was suggested that computer rooms when not in use, be available as classrooms. The Davis Hall Graduate Lounge is scheduled for renovations in December. The Graduate Lounge food service will still be available Spring 2001. Al Chai, Chief Information Technology Officer, has ordered new software in the Davis Computer Lab for teaching purposes.

Exercise Science voted to keep the all university requirement for PE. Jean Mee has been tracking the Praxis II scores and has developed a tutorial program. Exercise Science has a passing rate of 88% and the nation, 65%.

Jim Granfield was nominated to attend the Sponsored Program in Research workshop on grant training January 8 to 12, 2001. He will bring the information back to the School of Education

Other. Southern's Public Affairs Office published an overview of how well faculty and students were presented in the media for Fall 2000. Rod Lane reminded chairs to keep Public Affairs informed of outside activities for media recognition and encouraged them to talk to service organizations. John Onofrio added that he is active in the Rotary.

John Jakabauski, retired Personnel Director from Western Connecticut State University, has been named Interium Director of Personnel at Southern. Attorney Patricia Terry, retired from Eastern Connecticut State University, Affirmative Action Office, has been named Executive Assistant to President Michael Adanti. It is with great sadness to acknowledge that J. P. Thompson, SCSU Dean of Extented Learning, passed away. She was highly regarded and will be missed.

The Chairs Council wished John Onofrio, Chair of Educational Leadership, the very best as leaves his position at Southern. He will be returning in Spring 2001 as an EDL adjunct.

The Chairs Council meetings for Spring 2001 are February 13; March 13; April 10; and May 8 in Davis 106, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Nancy Bihlmeyer