

**SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT CHAIRS COUNCIL
November 21, 2000**

Present: Nancy Bihlmeyer, Jim Granfield, Rod Lane, Mike Martin, Kathy Mauro, Sharon Misasi, Irv Newman, John Onofrio, Marilyn Price, and guests David Denino and Michelle Lawler from SCSU Counseling Services.

1. PDS Schools. Jim Granfield is developing a new way how best to identify excellent schools and formalize relationships and putting faculty in those schools on a PDS schedule. The School of Education would be broadening its base and continue with New Haven. Integrating blue ribbon schools through partnerships is consistent with NCATE. A SCSU/Faculty workshop by Dr. Sharon Feimen-Nemster of Michigan State University was held November 17, 2000. Sessions included working toward a conceptual framework and issues in field-based teacher education.

2. Counseling Services. Michelle Lawler and David Denino from the University Counseling Center made a presentation on student retention, withdrawals and services for undergraduate students. Michelle Lawler is a licensed professional counselor and David Denino is Director of the Center. Last academic year 75 students took a leave of absence and the service is cost effective for the University. Dr. Sandra Holley, Dean of Graduate Studies, is responsible for graduate full time withdrawals and Pat Whelan, Extended Learning, for part time undergraduates. Any department can redirect student to the Center if their cum is not good. A possibility is reducing the academic load per year.

3. NCATE Progress. Jim Granfield explained the packet of information and assessment plan Diane Ronis drafted in preparation of NCATE. Critical check points are: Gate 1-Program Entry; Gate 2-Prior to Student Teaching; Gate 3-Student Teaching; and Gate 4-Program Exit. Discussion held.

4. Department Reports.
CSP. Dr. Mike Martin reports that Dr. Marla Shapiro resigned but will finish the fall semester. A search for a faculty member in School Counseling is going on. Dr. Shawky Karas, Research and Measurement, will teach six credits in the Spring 2001. Finding candidates meeting National certification in counseling is difficult. Dr. Teri Loughead will be out during the last few weeks of the semester for medical reasons.

SED/RDG. Dr. Irv Newman reports that the Reading search is going on and they are looking for minority candidates with a doctorate or ABD.

EDL. John Onofrio explained that he will be leaving the University and Dr. Lystra Richardson will be taking over as Chair. The department has been meeting every Wednesday in preparation of the change.

EDU. Peter Barile reported that Dr. Benna Achhpal and Dr. Barbara Steele are working out well. The department and Dr. Diane Ronis are working on NCATE.

Other. Concerning cross endorsement, departments should not plan a program for cross endorsement certification. Make paperwork clear when a student is going for cross endorsement and masters. Once a student holds a teaching certificate and goes for a second certification, cross endorsement, do not put the cross endorsement on a planned program for licensure. There is no cross endorsement for CSP but the State has competencies. There is a lack of certified school psychologists and the State wants certified people only. Kathy Mauro will not sign off on a DSAP (Durational Shortage Area Permit) unless the student is formally accepted into a program.

Next Chairs Council is December 19, 2000, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in Davis 106.

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