

**SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**  
**DEPARTMENT CHAIRS COUNCIL**  
**October 10, 2000**

Present: Peter Barile, Nancy Bihlmeyer, Jim Granfield, Rod Lane, Mike Martin, Kathy Mauro, Sharon Misasi, Irv Newman, John Onofrio and guest Maureen Gilbride-Redman.

Dean Lane introduced Maureen Gilbride-Redman from Southern's Center for Student Action Research (CSAR) office. She is working on collecting all of the information for the Praxis II score summary evaluation and gave an overview of findings to date. She proposed questions in conclusion. (1) How do we increase the passing percentage in subject area exams and (2) should we take a closer look at a subject area test where the median score is minimally above the required CT qualifying score. Mike Martin explained that he never sees scores for subject exams in Counseling and School Psychology because the students take their test individually. Kathy Mauro added that Communication Disorders testing results do not come to her but go directly to the department from ETS.

Jim Granfield handed out the *Profiler*, a document used online as a collaboration tool, which measures the software and skill applications of an individual. He went over the faculty results and the average response was 1.59-53.2%. The survey is still available for filling out. The School of Education will continue to encourage faculty to apply technology in their classroom.

Jim Granfield and Jacque Ensign received a faculty development grant bringing in experts from the Apple Technology Integration project and will conduct two workshops on technology. The first date is November 10 *Using Technology in Teaching* (limit of 15) and the second workshop is November 17 *Envisioning Quality in Teacher Education Programs: Lessons from Research and Brainstorming* conducted by Sharon Nemser, Ph.D. from Michigan State University.

Discussion held concerning on-line course development. It is the decision of the department chair to sign off for reassigned credit. Sharon Misasi (EXS) reported that Jin Jin Yang is working on an adaptive course to be on-line, and Nathan Wilder has the Exercise Science web site up. Mike Martin (CSP) said that four of his faculty members said that they could work on context. The main problem with on-line courses for counseling is the missing interpersonal aspect with the students. The department is in favor of increasing technology within a course. Irv Newman added that Jacque Ensign teaches SED 481 on line and there has been discussion of an adaptive technology masters program.

John Onofrio (EDL) reports that Brian Perkins is working on EDL 684 Learning Theory and is partially on line. This will be good especially for the five classes which are off site such as Litchfield.

Dean Lane said that the School of Education and School of Arts and Sciences articulation committee meets twice a month. Dean Lane, Dean Fredeen and faculty in teacher preparation programs attend. They are preparing for NCATE. Seventy percent of course work needed in teacher preparation comes from Arts and Sciences.

The Fall Undergraduate Open House is Sunday, October 15, 2000, in Pelz Gym from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Fall Graduate Open House is Wednesday, November 8, 2000, 3 to 7 p.m. at the Lyman Center.

CSP. Mike Martin reported that Dr. Shawky Karas is on medical leave and the department is advising students in the Research and Measurement program. He is involved with the research projects and the department is working together. A search is being conducted for a faculty member for school and career counseling. The faculty are very productive, and the department is going for their five year Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) full accreditation.

EDU. Peter Barile announced that the State Department site visit for Education/Special Education is January 31, 2001. Discussion held concerning standards and Jack Hasogowa (860) 566-8283 from the State Department will be contacted to verify if 2003 standards will be used. Lack of space and staffing are issues and adjuncts are being used for a number of student teaching supervisors. Currently Education has one position open.

EDL. John Onofrio reported that the department is holding a symposium on November 4 in Davis Hall, and Joe Sirasolo of the American Association of School Administrators will be the main presenter. The department meets every Wednesday and works on the tentative EdD program and major revisions to meet NCATE guidelines. Dr. Onofrio leaves SCSU January 2001, and the department is blending together. Two faculty positions will become available. The department self-assessment is done, and the assessor will come November 28. Spring 2001 enrollment should go above current enrollment.

EXS. Sharon Misasi explained curriculum revisions are going according to the implementation meeting. All groups are meeting on a weekly basis. A lot of changes are going on with PE and all university requirements. Coaches are teaching PE. The Fit for Life students feel they have improved.

SED/RDG. Irv Newman reported there is a posting for the reading position, and minority candidates are encouraged to apply.

Kathy Mauro worked with Walt Ziemba on the Title II report covering 350 students from last year. Dean Lane is moving toward the policy that students have to pass Praxis II before student teaching or research project.

Dean Lane concluded: Remember **SAILS**:

***Scholarship/Attitude & Dispositions/Integrity/Leadership/Service.***

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Next Chairs Council is November 21, 2000, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in Davis 106.