

**SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT CHAIRS COUNCIL
December 18, 2001**

Present: Peter Barile, Nancy Bihlmeyer, Jim Granfield, Rod Lane, Kathy Mauro, Jean Mee, Irv Newman, Teri Olisky, and Brian Perkins.

Minutes of November 20, 2001, were approved.

1. Department/Area Reports.

Exercise Science. Jean Mee reported that the Human Performance program curriculum changes passed department level, School of Education Curriculum Committee and are now at UCF. NCATE Gates 1 and 2 for freshman are in place. Teacher preparation faculty are reading the specialty report and will comment the end of January 2002.

Special Education. Irv Newman said that the department received a cadre of applicants for the special education search, and January 15, 2002, the reading position closes. All candidates have significant backgrounds. There is a new masters in adaptive technology and secondary special education. A teacher shortage in secondary special education exists. A forty percent teacher turnover in Connecticut is expected within the next ten years in all fields.

Educational Leadership. Brian Perkins reported that the department has one search and another one beginning in Spring 2002. The Connecticut Administrators Test (CAT) administration was held November 17. A preparation refresher course was held two weeks ahead. After the test, feedback was that more technology and special education be covered in the refresher course. The test cost is \$300 and \$100 for makeup. Passing the CAT test is a requirement for the Administration/Supervision certificate.

Education. Peter Barile reported that the department has three searches. Interviewing will begin after the winter break, and a number of good candidates are applying. He is working on the lack of adjunct funding, and the department will be offering certification courses and no electives.

Counseling and School Psychology. Teri Olisky said that the department received the distinctive program \$20,000 grant and technical equipment was purchased. The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs (CACREP) site visit is January 27-30, 2002. The web site for CSP applications on line is being set up by faculty member Patricia DeBarbieri. The department will start interviewing search candidates the beginning of February 2000, and good candidates have applied. There are internships for CSP students throughout the state, and faculty are working with certain districts to problem solve together.

Student Teaching. The Educational Testing Services (ETS) is eliminating Praxis I-Computer Based Test (CBT). The Praxis I-Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) will replace Praxis I-CBT. It is offered six times a year at sites throughout Connecticut. There is also another option for Praxis I-PPST. It can be taken on a computer at three sites in Connecticut: Glastonbury (860) 565-0400; Hamden (203) 287-9677; and Norwalk (203) 847-0031.

2. NCATE. Jim Granfield reported that the process looks good, and the Preconditions Report is due in February 2002 to NCATE.

3. Technology in the Classroom. Bob Cuddihee will be training faculty and Jim Granfield will set a schedule for February 2002 and registration. More information to follow.

4. Survey. Jim Granfield handed out a technology survey and Exercise Science/PE will be added to the list of areas. Every syllabus will include integration of technology.

5. Other Business. The budget process for FY 2003 will begin and state budgets are tight. This will force SCSU to prioritize planned expenditures. Davis Hall Computer Lab hours need to be extended and additional software needs to be purchased. Faculty may use the computer lab for teaching classes.

Discussion held on minority recruitment for teacher preparation. For state minority incentive grants, the student must be admitted into a teacher preparation program to qualify. There are scholarships offered through the Hillhouse High School teacher preparation program for graduating high school seniors.

Next Chairs Council meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2002.

Nancy Bihlmeyer