

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT CHAIRS COUNCIL  
February 13, 2001

Present: Peter Barile, Nancy Bihlmeyer, Joy Fopiano, Jim Granfield, Rod Lane, Sharon Misasi, Irv Newman and Brian Perkins.

Announcements. Dean Lane handed out a copy of Chancellor Cibes's February 2001 report to the CSU Board of Trustees. Governor Rowland strongly supported the expansion of programs to include the Ed.D. degree. President Adanti recently testified before the Connecticut Education Committee concerning the Ed.D., and the meeting was favorable for Southern.

Budgets. Dean Lane handed out the budget request sheets for AY 2002. Chairs will develop a reasonable base line using figures based on what is current. Southern is the volume producer of quality educators for schools and is the largest teacher preparation institution and will remain the largest. The Governor is recommending about a \$7.2 million cut in the block grant appropriations; however, current figures are needed to keep operating "current services" levels in FY 2002. He is planning a similar FY 2003 cut. Departments need to plan obtaining necessary resources.

School of Education. Students are returning for cross endorsements, and the School of Education needs to assess what is the product line in three or five years. Public schools follow mandated state regulations. Southern's Special Education/Education Collaborative program is leading the State. The departments are working together and sharing more and will look at how students can efficiently take courses over programs. Steve Greengross continues to work on NCATE. Discussion held on conceptual framework.

Peter Barile suggested formalizing relationships with lab school situations. This will result in a vested interest in what the School of Education is doing and formalize PDS relationships with the university and develop models. The school principal moves the idea; however, administrators are regularly moved to other schools in the elementary and middle New Haven Schools. Reading faculty have been visiting PDS New Haven Schools, and action plans need to be put into place. Dean Lane explained that the School of Education needs to rationalize its program lines. What it is going to be like in three years or five years? This could create a product line.

Peter Barile reported that Bob Wolfe has been appointed North Branford Superintendent of Schools. He is an education adjunct. The department is beginning an elementary search and would prefer someone with a math background. Joy Fopiano, Counseling and School Psychology, explained a new grant received, Blueprint for Reading. In this program, every New Haven student in the homeless shelter is matched up with a tutor. The sixth year students are highly involved in the program.

Irv Newman and Peter Barile complimented and thanked Betsy Foye, Jim Granfield, all the staff and Dean Lane on the many efforts that were made to bring about the successful visit from the State Department of Education on the Special Education/Education Collaborative program review. Everyone worked hard and the departments worked together.

Marilyn Price is moving and leaving her elementary student teaching coordinator position. Bob Rocco, an adjunct, has agreed to take the position and begins May 2001. Brian Perkins commented that he sees a lot of positive and unusual things within the Educational Leadership Department, and the faculty are working together.

Irv Newman explained that there is a reading search going on, and the application deadline is February 15. The department is seeking someone with a doctorate or very close to it. Letters of interest should be directed to Steve Feldman.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m. The next Chairs Council meeting is March 13 at 9:30 a.m. in Davis Hall, Room 106.

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Nancy Bihlmeyer