

**SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT CHAIRS COUNCIL
November 21, 2002**

Present: Peter Barile, Nancy Bihlmeyer, Pam Brucker, Jim Granfield, Norris Haynes, Rod Lane, Kathy Mauro, Sharon Misasi, Brian Perkins and guest, Maureen Gilbride.

Minutes of October 17, 2002, were approved.

Counseling and School Psychology. Norris Haynes reported that the department is going through exciting times. Full accreditation was received from CACREP for the three programs, school counseling, school psychology, and community counseling. The department is preparing for NCATE accreditation and has developed a system where they look at all courses, how many are essential, how the courses are prepared and offered, and expected enrollment. The department agreed to make service a part of the SAILS framework and use five hours community service as part of the program. The department is aware of important adjunct contributions and planned a reception at the end of the semester for them.

Dean Lane handed out an AACTE document defining service-learning. It involves a blending of service to the community with academic learning in a way that each enriches the other. The department bylaws are being revised, and adjunct wording will be included.

Education. Peter Barile explained that the NCATE rejoinders are due mid-December. The department is reviewing additional field experiences for the students. The students also get fieldwork through student teaching. The department is studying their policy of granting QPR waivers to graduate students. Three searches are unfilled since last year and staffing is still an issue. For 2002/03, 22 department courses were cut which is quite significant. There are over 30 students in the collaborative education/special education program, and one will graduate. The department is working on collaboration and communications.

Educational Leadership. Brian Perkins reported things are going well in the department. The students are preparing to begin a New Haven school confidential analysis for Spring. A school will be identified. There are a large number of applicants for the Ed.D., and a rigorous acceptance policy will be established for admissions. The department continues to make improved changes in curriculum. Simsbury shows an interest in creating a cohort with 30 people. Brian Perkins attended a law session and a NCATE consultant was present. The EDL department was the only one which passed the law review through NCATE and was commended. EDL continues to make positive changes.

Exercise Science. February 15 rejoinders for NCATE are due, and the department is slowly putting the information together. The Fall 2003 schedules are being drafted. If the department can run cross endorsement courses, it will. David Kemler is up for sabbatical.

A search meeting was held in School Health. The numbers in the teacher preparation program are high, human performance numbers are low, and athletic training remains the same. Sharon went on a site visit for an Iowa athletic training program who is looking to become CAAHEP accredited. She will be doing another visit in the spring to a university in South Dakota.

If a state early retirement were offered, it would affect the department faculty count.

Special Education. Pam Brucker reported that the department is moving forward with the collaborative program, and there is a healthy enrollment. Faculty are working together. The certification changes for 2003 are on hold. There is a state shortage of special education teachers, and the department

is working with the state. The NCATE rejoinder is on hold until December. There is a problem because the department is down three positions, classes are full, and there is a shortage of adjuncts. The department is developing a pool of people to go on for their doctorate.

Professional Development Schools. Jim Granfield reported that this is the first semester since PDS was revitalized. A reception for all teachers and faculty involved with PDS was held, and 27 people attended. He would like to see student teachers assigned to three PDS Schools, and they are: 1) Jepson K-4; 2) Conti West Hills on Chapel; and 3) Edgewood. A January 2003 retreat will be held at ACES. He is working with Kathy Mauro on BEST training for the PDS schools, and North Branford is becoming involved also. Spring 2003 release time (3 credits) could be available for two faculty members within one of the three PDS schools.

Student Teaching. So far there are 180 placements for Spring 2003. There is difficulty in finding placements for the students, including three in school health. Kathy Mauro is working on setting up BEST training. She is now the Title II administrator, and reports 387 completers, including CAPP people. DSAP people increased the number of completers.

New Business. CCSAR (Center for Community School Action Research). Maureen Gilbridmije handed out a draft of the Alumni Evaluation Survey and went over its contents. She welcomed any suggestions to improve the survey and make it user friendly. Brian Perkins suggested surveying students in their final year. As an example, use EDL graduates who completed 30 credits and sample those people. A low number of responses is not an accurate reflection, and a threshold needs to be established. CCSAR goes into the classrooms and delivers the survey, and the faculty are supportive. Discussion held on how to increase responses and sample size, including double majors. Out of 300 mailed, 120 were given back. It was suggested discussing surveys in department meetings and how the data is used and recording information in the minutes.

The 2001-2002 Preparation Program Evaluation narrative summary was handed out. Approximately 300 students responded and most employed full-time. It included student's wants/and or needs, i.e., add a course in classroom management.

Dean Lane handed out the Policy for Establishment of Endowed Chairs for information if speaking to people who might be interested in an endowed chair.

There is space at Amity High School to teach a course instead of meeting on campus. Faculty can consider this if interested.

The next meeting is December 19, 2002, Davis 106, 9:30 a.m.

Nancy Bihlmeyer