

**SCHOOL OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT CHAIRS COUNCIL  
February 20, 2003**

**Present:** Peter Barile, Nancy Bihlmeyer, Pam Brucker, Jim Granfield, Uchenna Nwachuku, Rod Lane, Kathy Mauro, Sharon Misasi, and Brian Perkins.

**Minutes** of December 19, 2002, were reviewed and revised.

**Educational Leadership.** The application due date for the September 2003 doctoral studies was January 3, 2003. The New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) will visit EDL this semester to review the doctoral program as a major additional offering. A date will be set, and three people on the team will visit. The department is having difficulty with the registrar's office because of cutbacks in personnel. Students and faculty find it harder to process paper work, receive transcripts in a timely manner, and deal with the bursar's office.

**Education.** The department did a good job in filing rejoinders for NCATE at the undergraduate level, but the graduate is not totally complete. The gate system is set up for the undergraduate level. The department is working with the state on pilot issue for reading. Department morale is good. and education adjuncts are dependable. Professional development schools could be a great tie-in with adjuncts. Certification for elementary is K-6 and faculty were notified. The department is keeping a record of information sent to adjuncts.

**Counseling and School Psychology.** Uchenna Nwachuku represented the department and reported that they have a database tracking CSP students. A large percentage of students are part-time and more difficult to track. The programs are accredited by the Council on the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs. Students who complete the master of science in Community or School Counseling need to take the National Certified Counselor's examination. The department is talking with Special Education concerning assessment for children in the community and planning clinics. A web site promoting counseling is being developed. Some graduates are licensed and a support network is being set up. A scholarship fund was established in memory of Teri Olisky and more information will come. Teri was well known and loved for her positive attitude. It is important that a new counselor faculty member be hired.

**Exercise Science.** Sharon Misasi reported that the exercise science report for NCATE is in. The School Health report came back and has until April 15 to file its rejoinders. The Fall 2003 scheduled was reviewed and sent back to Bob Drobish. There is a heating problem in Pelz, and classrooms are cold. Sharon Misasi agreed that the course registration process needs improvement. Banner does not confirm student master card payment. There is one faculty renewal, Christine Wagner. Jin Jin Yang is going to China in March for a Special Olympics project. May 9 she is conducting a workshop on adaptive physical education. Charlie Davis returned from Brazil where he served as head athletic trainer for the Olympic development youth soccer tournament. Class enrollment should be at least 15 and if not, justify why the class should run. The department will eliminate courses that they do not have to have.

**Special Education/Reading.** Pam Brucker reported that the NCATE rejoinder is in the mail. The report was very good for the collaborative Education/Special Education program. The K-12 special education program was put in the rejoinder. The core courses that will be approved for collaborative are the same core courses for comprehensive. Good candidates have responded to the department search, and interviewing will begin. Members of the department are going to Seattle, Washington, in April to present at the Council for Exceptional Children International Conference. Professor Lois Dreyer is out this year because of a back problem. Peter Barile commended Pam Brucker on doing such a good job as a new department chair.

**Professional Development Schools.** Jim Granfield reported that there are four professional development schools: 1) Conte West Hill Magnet 2) Jepson Ungraded Magnet 3) Edgewood Magnet 4) Jerome Harrison. There are three in New Haven and the fourth, Jerome Harrison, is in North Branford. Additional schools are being considered for next year. Jim Granfield is looking to have faculty linked to those schools. He attended the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (AACTE) conference in January and presented a paper. Pam Brucker and Brian Perkins also attended. Brian Perkins added that it was worthwhile and gave him good information.

**Student Teaching.** Kathy Mauro handed out the 2001-2002 Title II report for SCSU regular teacher preparation programs. There were 343 program completers found, matched, and used in passing rate calculations. The graduate commencement for the School of Education will be Thursday, May 22, at 7:00 p.m.

**NCATE.** The visiting team will be on campus October 25-29, 2003. The School of Education Quality Council will serve as the coordinating body and help set up the exhibit room to include evidence and exhibits, electronic and non-electronic items. NCATE expects data, and we are in the second year. Jim Granfield handed out an information sheet on exhibit room materials. Discussion held. Departments are asked to have evidence of Standard 1, 2, 3, and 4 to Dean Lane by March 3. Based upon the evidence, changes will be made. Student portfolio's are due by the end of the semester. The syllabi from the School of Education will be on the web.

The next meeting will be March 20, 2003.

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Nancy Bihlmeyer, Recorder