

Minutes  
Administrative Council - College of Education and Behavioral Sciences  
Thursday, April 5, 2001 – 9:30 a.m.  
Dean's Conference Room, Tate Page Hall

Members present: Adams, Evans, Cooke, Crews, Fiene, Filip, Fong, Houston, Nims, O'Connor, Poe, R. Roberts, Schnacke, Stayton, Stone.

The announcement was made that Steven Haggbloom has accepted the position as Head of Psychology. Drs. Cooke, Crews, and Fong have been asked to serve as a mentoring team for him. Dr. Crews has accepted the permanent position as Head of Physical Education and Recreation, and Dr. Fong has been recommended by her faculty as permanent Head of Consumer and Family Sciences.

Dr. Adams indicated that the start date for new faculty will be August 8 so that they will already be on the payroll for the pre-fall semester activities. They will have various meetings after that date, and Dr. Adams will be spending some time with them as a group on August 10. All pre-semester activities are scheduled for the week of August 13, and the President's meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 14. August 15 would be reserved for department and college meetings.

The Ogden College's name will be changing to the Ogden College of Science and Engineering; and there will now be a free-standing School of Health, with David Dunn serving as the Director. The School will be comprised of the health programs currently housed in Ogden College.

Dr. Adams mentioned that the Board of Advisors for the President will be on campus today and tomorrow, tied in with the Gala.

Department heads will be given a copy of how lapse salary allocations were made this year. During the summer, department heads will be asked to determine a five-year plan. Dr. Adams went over the materials distributed and said that we need to look at what will be done for equipment. There is an additional amount of money in the classroom improvement pool. Dr. Evans added that there are still some funds that have not yet been distributed which we will need to look at. Also, a number of Proximas have been ordered out of the College's equipment funds. The suggestion was made to adjust the lighting in classrooms so that only a portion of the lights could remain on when using the Proxima.

Dr. Evans reported on the Title II Report Card which looks at how our teacher education students have performed on the Praxis II. WKU did extremely well, with a 97% pass rate overall. He added that every student who failed was a transfer student or took a high percentage of their coursework off campus and had an ACT of 19 or less. This information will be available to the press after April 9, and test scores will be available on the University's website. Dr. Adams commended Dr. Evans on the manner in which he presented the data.

Mitch McConnell will be coming to campus sometime the last week in May to work with Dr. Metze's new technology grant. The College's website has a link for the grant entitled "e-train express."

Dr. Stayton has just received a two-year grant for \$160,000 which will involve an evaluation of teacher preparation programs and how they help students with a global perspective.

Discussion was held concerning the Challenging the Spirit Progress Report 2000.

There is a good possibility that a second cohort group may be started in Mexico City. Application forms for faculty interested in teaching in this program will be out soon. Further discussion was held relative to international activities. Dr. Poe added that the focus needs to include cultural diversity within the United States as well. Dr. Adams agreed that the Housing Authority is a good connection and that there are many things we can do within this country.

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A copy of an email was distributed concerning school safety web lectures and lesson plans.

It was mentioned that UK is in the process of a search for a dean of the College of Education.

Dr. Stayton has been appointed to a national committee to develop a Praxis for IECE.

Dr. Evans discussed the issue of returning to discipline-specific certification. Sociology and Psychology will again be split, and the Standards Board will have new certification areas which will be discipline specific. Further discussion was held relative to the effect this will have on teacher shortages.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Cathie Bryant, Secretary