

College of Education Council
Minutes
August 25, 2003

Present: A. Adkins, C. Benson, A. Bohn, K. Crawford, B. Fulk, M. Lartz, S. Lenski, S. Litchfield, P. McCluskey-Titus, R. Morrow, D. Ashby, T. Shinault, Y. Kim

Absent: B. Lugg, E. Watts, D. Shelden, M. Sondgeroth

MINUTES

Motion: It was moved by C. Benson and seconded by K. Crawford to approve the minutes of May 5, 2003 as presented. Motion carried.

COMMENTS

A. Adkins asked members to introduce themselves.

D. Ashby encouraged members to attend the Peter Yarrow event occurring this evening. She also encouraged members to participate in the Operation Respect workshop occurring on September 26-27, 2003.

ACTION ITEM

Election of Officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary.

A. Adkins explained that the Chair's position needs to be a member of one of the three academic departments and the vice chair needs to be a faculty associate from one of the Laboratory Schools.

A. Adkins asked for nominations for the chair's position. It was moved by K. Crawford and seconded by A. Bohn to nominate A. Adkins. It was moved by C. Benson and seconded by T. Shinault to close nominations. A. Adkins accepted. Motion carried.

A. Adkins asked for nominations for the vice chair's position. It was moved by A. Bohn and seconded by S. Lenski to nominate C. Benson. It was moved by M. Lartz and seconded by K. Crawford to close nominations. C. Benson accepted. Motion carried.

A. Adkins asked for nominations for secretary's position. It was moved by K. Crawford and seconded by S. Lenski to nominate K. Crawford. It was moved by A. Bohn and seconded by T. Shinault to close nominations. K. Crawford accepted. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Committee Reports. A. Adkins encouraged Council members to read the COE committee minutes attached to agenda.

Partnerships Report. A. Adkins sent out statements to faculty during the spring 2003 semester. Then Council members facilitated focus group discussions during departmental meetings to gather faculty input, questions, and concerns. The following three items evolved from these discussions: 1) What is the problem we are trying to solve? 2) What is our working definition of "partnership? 3) What knowledge-base are we drawing from to guide this work? The following are concerns to address: 1) Centralized structure, 2) Impact on faculty load, and 3) What collaboration? This report reflects only the perspectives

shared in the three COE departments; results from the Laboratory Schools are forthcoming. Several faculty associates feel the document prepared a couple of years ago is sufficient feedback. After Administrative Council met last week it was suggested that possibly a January Back-to-School meeting of faculty could be held to ask various programs to bring ideas focused on school-based experiences to answer our concerns. This will be an action item at next Council meeting. A. Adkins encouraged members to review document prior to next Council meeting.

Future Agenda Items. A. Adkins asked for future agenda items. Some suggestions: 1) Illinois State faculty associates preparing for an Union vote. 2) Research Committee 3) Priority of money set aside for foundation dollars.

DEAN'S REPORT

D. Ashby gave the following updates: 1) *Illinois State Board of Education.* ISBE has been downsized in the last three weeks...about 50 positions have been eliminated. People are having problems with their service...no one is answering their phones. Their Web site should be up and running soon. 2) *COE Chair Searches...*D. Ashby met with EAF faculty. It was decided to begin the search process for an EAF chair. Election of three EAF faculty members to serve on the committee is being conducted. D. Ashby will appoint a student representative and additional members to the committee to assure sufficient diversity, if needed. D. Ashby will meet Thursday with C&I faculty to discuss their options. 3) *Implementation of PBA.* Dispositions, content area test and Live Text are causing problems. Possibly we didn't involve faculty soon enough in this process. We need to demonstrate to ISBE, NCATE, U.S. Department of Education how candidates should move forward. 4) *Replacement Positions.* COE asked for 11 positions and received 8 positions. Two positions were automatically given to C&I along with three other positions; SED will receive one position; and EAF will receive two positions. 5) *Computer Policy.* This will be an agenda item at the next Council meeting. D. Ashby voiced concern for the technology level of students across campus. There are proposals for financial aid and scholarships to help students afford computers.

D. Ashby asked that COE Senators be invited to attend Council meetings on rotating bases.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: It was moved by C. Benson and seconded by K. Crawford to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.