



John H. Lounsbury College of Education

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Minutes of the October 13, 2023 College of Education Meeting

Faculty and staff members present were: Cynthia Alby, Alexandra Berglund, Linda Bradley, Shanda Brand, Rachel Bray, Andrea Christoff, Elizabeth Colquitt, Hiller Crook, Nicole DeClouette, J.W. Good, Diane Gregg, Roddran Grimes, Jane Hinson, Miriam Jordan, Rui Kang, Bethany McClure, Yeprem Mehranian, Russ Merritt, Nancy Mizelle, Bekir Mugayitoglu, Kim Muschaweck, Lyndall Muschell, Mike Newton, Olha Osobov, Joseph Peters, Joanne Previts, Cheryl Reynolds, Suzanna Roman-Oliver, Barbara Roquemore, Rob Sumowski, Natalie Toomey, Stacy Waller, and Stephen Wills. Those sending regrets were Marcia Peck and Carmen Woodhall.

The faculty of the John H. Lounsbury College of Education convened for the October 13 faculty meeting at 2:00 p.m., in Rooms 226/227. Stacy Waller welcomed the group. Miriam Jordan presented the minutes of the September and August COE meetings. A motion to approve these minutes was made, seconded, and approved.

Hats Off Recognitions: The following faculty and staff were recognized:

- **Dr. Cynthia Alby** for her podcast interviews, published articles, and presentations/workshops/keynotes this year, focusing primarily on Artificial Intelligence AI, with some research centering around course design and on "The Art of Gathering."
- **Dr. Linda Bradley and Dr. Alexandra Berglund, Co-Principal Investigators** for another year of funding on the Dyslexia Teacher Endorsement and Program Improvement Grant, sponsored by the Georgia Department of Education. The \$91,875 will support tuition and fees for a new cohort of teachers to enter our Dyslexia Endorsement in January. Nominees should be referred to Linda, Alex or Shanda.
- **Dr. Nicole DeClouette** for a new year of funding for GCSU THRIVE! This \$33,538 grant supports key college opportunities and experiences for young adults with intellectual disabilities. Georgia Council of Developmental Disabilities funds this work.
- **Dr. Miriam Jordan** for receiving a Community-Based Engaged Learning Grant funded by the Office of the Provost. These funds will support a new round of Science Education Traveling Tubs (SETTS) that middle grades teacher candidates develop for implementing hands-on science in their placements. The tubs can also be loaned to area schools.
- **Dr. Chris Greer**, whose PBS show, *View Finders*, has been selected for national distribution and broadcasting.
- **Drs. Marcie Peck, Barbara Roquemore, and Paulette Cross** whose paper on using Art in Summative Assessments has been accepted to the 19th Annual International Conference on Arts In Society in South Korea in May, 2024.
- **Ms. Shanda Brand** for receiving a Letter of Commendation from a student to President Cathy Cox for her "outstanding support, guidance, and professionalism."
- **Dr Rui Kang and Dr. Joseph Peters** for authoring a chapter in a newly published book,

Welcome: Ms. Valencia Devereaux was welcomed as she begins her time as administrative assistant in the Teacher Education Department

Dirty Turkey: Claire Garrett reminded everyone of the Dirty Turkey lunch and celebration to be held from 12:00 to 2:00 on November 10, preceding the next COE meeting. Everyone was asked to reply to the email indicating whether they would be attending.

Dean Peters updated us on the following items:

- Accreditation coordinator search has closed. (September 15th Eric Carlile will interview from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.)
- Partnerships and Placements Director Search has been put into the system and is going through the approval process.
- The Teacher Education Chair search has been put into the system and is going through the approval process.
- Temporary Administrative Assistant for Teacher Education to fill in for Bessie position closes today.
- The Assistant Professor of Elementary Education position closes October 3rd.

Committee Reports:

- Diversity: Rachel Bray reported that a survey would be sent out to determine which types of activities this committee will implement this year.
- Curriculum: Roddran Grimes presented proposed curriculum changes and initiatives.
 - Secondary MAT requirements have been revised to comply with PSC requirements. Rui Kang made a motion to accept the new requirements. This was seconded and approved.
 - Elementary Education submitted two new courses for approval, ELEM 5101 and ELEM 5102 which will be the first two courses for the new Elementary MAT program; These courses have already been approved by the Department of Teacher Education and the COE Curriculum Committee. These courses will be offered in summer 2024, running across June and July. Lyndall Muschell made the motion to approve the first course, ELEM 5101; the motion was seconded. After discussion, it was approved. Subsequently, a motion to approve the second course, ELEM 5102 was made, seconded, and approved.

Senate Report: Rob Sumowski reported on the following current issues:

APC: has put forth a motion for a Revision of Student Academic Policy Section 1C to include the inappropriate use of artificial intelligence. APC is proposing the student Academic Dishonesty Policy 1C be amended to add a phrase noting that representing work created using

artificial intelligence components as one's own will constitute plagiarism. Thanks to Cynthia Alby and Writing Center Director Joy Bracewell for their valuable input.

DEIPC: DEIPC did not meet this month.

FAPC: FAPC is prioritizing several issues and is tackling them a few at a time.

Regarding the number of courses that receive SRIS evaluations, they investigated and learned the limited number of courses to be evaluated was set at two in 2016 due to budgetary constraints when the University was using an instrument that was priced according to how many courses were evaluated. We are no longer using that instrument, which means that increasing evaluations to four courses won't be an additional financial strain.

FAPC is weighing options to close the loophole in the Emeritus Policy and will suggest an amended policy to extend the window of application for emeritus status beyond 60 days. A motion will be forthcoming.

FAPC has examined the Final Exam Policy and determined it is sound as it stands. No modifications will be recommended. Upon hearing this, ECUS recommended that the administration clarify that under the current policy, a final exam is not required during the designated final exam time, but if a professor does administer a final exam it should take place during the designated final exam time.

FAPC continues to examine adequate and equitable overload pay for faculty.

RPIPC: RPIPC met with parking czar John Jackson and learned that the University has administered 2000 tickets in the first several weeks of this semester, amounting in \$20K in fines. It was noted that parking signage has been improved.

SAPC: SAPC met with Sam Penny and Jenny Harris about students' sense of campus safety. Students stated they felt safe but did not feel a connection with the Office of Public Safety. They discussed increasing officer/student interaction during routine daily activities such as tabling to increase visibility under favorable conditions.

Parking committee: Nancy Mizelle expanded on and clarified the parking ticket information. Peabody and Kilpatrick are among the highest level of ticketing.

Announcements:

- The John H. Lounsbury Lecture Series is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2024. Peter Johnson, author of *Open Minds* will be the guest speaker.
- Two Ed.D. candidates, Damon Ray and April Dockery have successfully defended their dissertations. There are 27 active candidates, with 18 of these in the dissertation phase. Nancy Mizelle thanked all those who are serving on dissertation committees.

The motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved at 3:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Jordan

For the Purpose and Direction Committee