College of Education Faculty Meeting
Friday, April 12, 2019
2:00 p.m.
Kilpatrick Room 227
Minutes

• Welcome
  o Regrets: C. Garrett, M. Peck, H. Roberts, S. Schwartz, P. Cross, P. Spiro

• Approval of Minutes
  o February 22, 2019 minutes unanimously approved.

• Dean’s Report: Dean Peters
  o There will be a 2% merit raise in next year’s budget. It will be a merit raise based upon faculty annual evaluations.
  o Graduate enrollment college wide has increased 88%
  o The Dean congratulates the faculty on a great year for the College of Education.

• Committee Reports and Action Items
  o The Dispositions Sub-committee of the Assessment Committee: Nancy Mizelle
    The advanced degree dispositions assessment will be phased in as the instrument is developed. This will allow more time to establish an advanced dispositions instrument that will be valid and reliable across diverse programs. The sub-committee will work through summer to establish instrument to be piloted.
  o Georgia College Graduate Council Election: Stephen Wills and Dianne Gregg will continue to serve
  o Graduate Faculty/Coordinator Election: Nancy Mizelle and Stephen Wills will serve.
  o The University Curriculum Committee Election: Lyndall Muschell will remain on the committee and Barbara Roquemore will begin serving a 3 year term.

  o Curriculum Committee
    A Motion was made to accept changes to the Middle Grades Education Program to modify the current Bachelor of Science in Middle Grades program of study so that candidates complete EDEX 3210 rather than EDEX 3220. The motion also proposes to change the program of study so that science concentration candidates register for EDMG 4230, Conceptual Dimensions of Science, for one of their science content courses in place of EDMG 4950 Special Topics in Middle Grades Science. The motion passed unanimously
• Guest: President Dorman
  o The legislature has approved a 2% merit pay increase. Merit will be applied according to evaluation documents to back up the merit raises.
  o Capital projects were all funded by the legislature. The new science complex will make Herty Hall less packed.
  o More parking will be added on Wayne Street, increasing parking by 70-80 spaces. Georgia College also purchased property behind police station and the lot by it to create 154 additional spaces. Those two additions will ease the parking demands created by the new building.
  o In a few weeks we will find out if there will be a tuition increase in the 2% range. The university is committed to trying to find funds for the salary study. Staff at the lower end of the pay scale are struggling and there is a separate study going on for them. The salary study for faculty will help more veteran faculty who were not given the 9% raise for promotion. A summer flex schedule to help staff. Staff can have a Friday or Monday away from their desks during the summer if the schedule goes as planned.
  o Faculty are warned to be careful about phishing emails. Don’t just click. Personal information and health information can be released and the university. The USG has to purchase insurance for the current phishing epidemic.
  o The faculty are encouraged to support the GC family fund. This fund helps families of faculty and staff to support them coming to GC as students.
  o The President’s vision for the COE is to become the preeminent educator preparation provider. We are encouraged to support the doctoral program and be able to provide data of our program’s success.
  o The COE is encouraged to grow in quality. Growth in quality is of greater importance than growth in numbers.
  o The COE is encouraged to learn from Finland and find innovation in education. The President supports a balance in children’s lives through play and not as much pressure from mandatory testing and reading at age 3. Taking into account the cultural differences between our two countries, we need to determine the American proxy for these ideas.
  o The president reminded us that the hiring of a tenure track faculty member is a 30 year commitment. Higher education has decided to be nimble because the future is hard to predict. Therefore there is a purposeful increase in limited term hires.

• The College of Education **GEM Award** was awarded to Dean Peters for his outstanding leadership for the College of Education. The faculty recognizes his ability and courage to go above and beyond in his leadership and advocacy.

**Important Dates:**
Celebration of Excellence: Friday, April 19th at 9:00 am
Celebration of Georgia College Faculty Scholarship: Thursday, April 25th from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
CoE Awards Ceremony: Friday, May 3rd at 6:00 pm
Graduate Commencement: Friday, May 10th at 7:00 pm
Undergraduate Commencement: Saturday, May 11th at 9:00 am
Final Grades Due: Wednesday, May 15th at 9:00 am
• A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and the motion passes unanimously.